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# JOURNAL

OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION,

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

In South-Carolina:

HELD IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON,

ON THE 13th, 14th and 15th of FEBRUARY,

1845.

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WITH

LISTS OF THE CLERGY AND PARISHES,

THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, THE CONSTITUTION, CANONS AND RULES  
OF ORDER, AND THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CLERGY

BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH-CAROLINA,

FEBRUARY 1845.

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The Rt. Rev. CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS GADSDEN, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*

### PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. Pierre Teller Babbitt, *Principal of the Diocesan School, Charleston, and Missionary to Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.*

- " William H. Barnwell, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*
- " John Barnwell Campbell, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.*
- " John W. Chanler, *residing in New-York.*
- " Augustus L. Converse, *Rector of the Church at Claremont, Stateburg.*
- " Andrew H. Cornish, *Rector of Trinity Church, Abbeville.*
- " J. Hamilton Cornish, *Rector of the Church of the Messiah, North Santee.*
- " William Dehon, *Rector of the United Churches of Pineville and Upper St. John's.*
- " Francis P. Delavaux, *residing at Walterboro.'*
- " Thomas C. Dupont, *Missionary at St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
- " Charles P. Elliott, *residing at Clarendon.*
- " Stephen Elliott, *Rector of Prince William's Parish.*
- " Henry Elwell, *Rector of St. David's Church, Cheraw.*
- " Andrew Fowler, *Charleston.*
- " James H. Fowles, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.*

- " Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, Colleton.*
- " Allston Gibbes, *residing in Philadelphia.*
- " Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All Saint's Parish, Waccamaw.*
- " Christian Hanckel, D. D., *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro.*
- " James Stuart Hanckel, *Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, and Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro.'*
- " Robert Henry, D. D., *President of the South-Carolina College, Columbia.*
- " Robert T. Howard, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*
- " Jedediah Huntington, M. D., *absent in Europe.*
- " Richard Johnson, *Rector of St. Matthew's Parish.*
- " Paul Trapier Keith, *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*
- " Maurice H. Lance, *residing near Georgetown.*
- " Francis Beekman Lee, *Missionary at Carlowville, Alabama.*
- " Francis Prioleau Lee, *Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*
- " Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of the Church on Edisto Island, and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.*
- " Alexander W. Marshall, *Missionary at St. John's Chapel, Hampstead.*
- " David McElheran, *Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.*
- " Stiles Mellichamp, *Rector of St. James' Church, James Island, and Principal of St. Peter's Episcopal School, Charleston.*
- " James W. Miles, *Missionary to Constantinople.*
- " Josiah Obear, *Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield, and Missionary to Winnsboro.'*
- " Edward Phillips, *Rector of St. Thomas and St. Dennis' Parish.*
- " Charles C. Pinckney, Jun., *Rector of Christ Church, Greenville.*
- " William T. Potter, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*
- " Edward Reed, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.*
- " Francis H. Rutledge, *Missionary at St. Augustine, Florida.*
- " Peter J. Shand, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
- " Robert D. Shindler, *Missionary to Chester District.*
- " Isaac Swart, *officiating and teaching at Mar's Bluff, Marion District.*
- " N. P. Tillinghast, *Rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill.*



The Rev. Paul Trapier, *Rector of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*

" Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*

" Edward T. Walker, *Rector of Christ Church, Wilton.*

" Cranmore Wallace, *Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkley.*

" Benjamin C. Webb, *Missionary in Prince William's Parish,  
among the Slave Population.*

" Arthur Wigfall, *Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.*

" Alsop Woodward, *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*

" Thomas John Young, *Rector of St. John's Parish, John's  
Island.*

#### DEACONS.

The Rev. John R. Fell,

" Nathaniel Hyatt, *Officiating at St. James', Santee.*

" L. Clement Johnston, *Missionary to Spartanburg District.*

" Carter Page, *Minister of Trinity Church, Edgefield.*

" Richard S. Seely, *Teacher and officiating in Chester District.*

The following Clergymen did not attend the meetings of the Convention.

The Rev. J. W. Chanler,

" F. P. Delavaux,

" C. P. Elliott,

" A. Gibbes,

" M. H. Lance,

" F. B. Lee,

" F. P. Lee,

" J. W. Miles,

" F. H. Rutledge, D. D.

" N. P. Tillinghast,

" N. Hyatt,

" C. Page,

" R. S. Seely.

The following Clergymen were invited to the Sitzings of the Convention.

The Rev. N. Sayre Harris, *Secretary, &c. of the Domestic Committee of the  
General Missionary Society.*

" George C. Shepard, D. D., *of the Diocese of Massachusetts.*

" Samuel Hazlehurst, Jun., *Missionary to W. Africa.*

The following Candidates for Holy Orders, were also present.

Messrs. W. B. W. Howe,

J. Grimke Drayton, and

J. B. Laval.

# LIST OF PARISHES AND CHURCHES

IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA, WITH THE DATES

OF THEIR FOUNDATION ANNEXED.

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<i>St. Philip's</i> (original Church built 1681,) Parish,	1704,
<i>St. James's</i> Parish, Santee,	1706, April 9.
<i>St. Andrew's</i> "	1706, Nov. 30.
<i>St. Bartholomew's</i> "	1706, " "
<i>Christ Church</i> "	1706, " "
<i>St. James's</i> " Goose Creek,	1706, " "
<i>St. John's</i> " Berkley,	1706, " "
<i>St. Thomas' and St. Dennis's</i> "	1706, " "
<i>St. Paul's</i> " Stono,	1706, " "
<i>St. Helena's</i> " Beaufort,	1712,
<i>Prince George's</i> " Winyaw,	1721,
<i>St. John's</i> " John's Island,	1734,
<i>Prince Frederick's</i> " 1734, Chapel Peedee,	1838,
<i>Prince William's</i> "	1745,
<i>St. Michael's</i> " 1751, (Church built 1761,)	
<i>St. Mark's</i> " Clarendon,	1757,
<i>All-Saint's</i> " Waccamaw,	1767, May 23.
<i>St. Luke's</i> "	1767, " "
<i>St. Matthew's</i> "	1768,
<i>St. David's</i> " 1768, Church Cheraw,	1820,
<i>Church on Edisto Island</i>	1774,
<i>Claremont Church,</i> Stateburg,	1788,
<i>St. Helena Church,</i> St. Helena Island,	
<i>Pineville and Upper St. John's,</i>	1807,
<i>St. Paul's</i> Church, Radcliffeboro',	1810,
<i>Trinity</i> " Columbia,	1812,
<i>North Santee</i> " about	1817,
<i>Grace</i> " Sullivan's Island,	1817,
<i>St. Paul's,</i> " Pendleton,	about 1821,

<i>Christ</i>	Church,	Greenville,	1825,
<i>Grace</i>	"	Camden,	1830,
<i>St. James's</i>	"	James Island,	1831,
<i>St. Peter's</i>	"	Charleston,	1833,
<i>Trinity</i>	"	Society Hill,	1833,
<i>Christ</i>	"	Wilton,	1834,
<i>Holy Trinity</i>	"	Grahamville,	1834,
<i>Trinity</i>	"	Edgefield,	1835,
<i>St. John's,</i>	"	Fairfield,	1839,
<i>Trinity</i>	"	Abbeville,	1842,
<i>Church of the Messiah,</i>		North Santee,	1842,
<i>Church of St. Thaddæus,</i>		Aiken,	1842,
<i>Emmanuel Church,</i>		Chester,	1843.

## CONGREGATIONS.

NOT ENTITLED TO A REPRESENTATION IN THE CONVENTION.

<i>St. Stephen's</i>	Chapel,	Charleston,	1822,	} <i>Mission</i> } <i>Congregations.</i>
<i>St. John's</i>	"	Hampstead,	1839,	
<i>St. Philip's</i>	"	Bradford Springs,	1841.	

## LAY DELEGATES

PRESENT AT THE CONVENTION WERE AS FOLLOWS :

*St. Philip's, Charleston,* Daniel Huger, Benj. D. Heriot, Edward M'Crary, and Henry D. Lesesne.

*St. Andrew's Parish,* William Bull, N. R. Middleton, George Haig, and F. S. Holmes.

*St. James's Parish, Goose Creek,* Thomas Gadsden and M. I. Keith.

*St. John's Parish, Berkley,* Dr. Wm. Read, Dr. Benjamin Huger, and Frederick A. Ford.

*St. Helena, Beaufort,* Dr. Thomas Fuller, Robert G. Barnwell, and Robert W. Barnwell.

*Prince George's Parish, Winyaw,* J. Reese Ford and John F. Pyatt.

*St. John's, John's Island,* S. P. Chisolm and Benjamin Freeman.

*Prince Frederick's Chapel, Peedee,* A. H. Belin and Robert F. W. Allston.

*Prince William's Parish,* Micah Jenkins.

*St. Michael's, Charleston,* J. H. Ladson, Dr. I. M. Campbell, and Dr. H. S. Waring.

*St. Mark's, Clarendon,* J. Dyson.

*All Saint's, Waccamaw,* Francis M. Weston, John H. Tucker, and Plowden C. J. Weston.

*Church on Edisto Island,* Dr. Edward Mitchell and A. H. Seabrook.

*Claremont Church, Stateburg*, Col. J. J. Moore, E. M. Anderson, and W. W. Anderson, M. D.

*Pineville and Upper St. John's*, H. W. Ravenel and Wm. M. Porcher.

*St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro'*, Thomas Waring.

*Grace Church, Sullivan's Island*, James L. Petigru and J. B. I'On.

*St. Paul's, Pendleton*, C. C. Pinckney.

*St. Peter's Church, Charleston*, C. G. Memminger, C. A. Desaussure, and Dr. Michel.

*Christ Church, Wilton*, Col. L. Morris, J. W. Faber, and James Meggett.

*Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville*, Charles C. Dupont.

*Trinity Church, Edgefield*, Edmund B. Bacon.

*St. John's Church, Fairfield*, Samuel Du Bose.

*Church of the Messiah, North Santee*, Andrew Johnston and James R. Pringle.

*Church of St. Thaddæus, Aiken*, James A. Ashby, Wm. C. Courtney, and Edward R. Laurens.



## MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

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*Charleston, Thursday, February 13th, 1845.*

THIS being the day appointed by the last Annual Convention of the Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Michael's Church at 10 o'clock A. M.. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Stephen Elliott. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D. A Sermon was preached by the Rev. Arthur Wigfall. During the reading of the Offertory, the alms were collected by the Rev. Paul Trapier, and the Rev. J. R. Fell, Deacon. The Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the bread by the Rev. Dr. Hanckel, and in the distribution of the Cup by the Rev. C. C. Pinckney, jr. and the Rev. E. Reed.

After Divine Service, the Convention having been called to order by the Bishop, the roll was called by the Secretary of the last Convention, and a quorum of both orders was found present.

The following Clergymen answered to their names, viz:—

The Rt. Rev. C. E. GADSDEN, D. D.	
The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell,	The Rev. C. E. Leverett,
“ J. B. Campbell,	“ A. W. Marshall,
“ A. L. Converse,	“ D. McElheran,
“ Andrew H. Cornish,	“ S. Mellichamp,
“ J. H. Cornish,	“ E. Phillips,
“ William Dehon,	“ C. C. Pinckney, jr.
“ T. C. Dupont,	“ W. T. Potter,
“ S. Elliott,	“ E. Reed,
“ A. Fowler,	“ P. J. Shand,
“ J. H. Fowles,	“ R. D. Shindler,
“ P. Gadsden,	“ P. Trapier,
“ P. T. Gervais,	“ J. R. Walker,
“ A. Glennie,	“ E. T. Walker,
“ C. Hanckel, D. D.	“ C. Wallace,
“ J. S. Hanckel,	“ A. Wigfall,
“ R. Henry, D. D.	“ A. Woodward,
“ R. T. Howard,	“ T. J. Young, and
“ P. T. Keith,	“ J. R. Fell, Deacon.

There were also present, under the 24th Rule of Order, the Rev. N. S. Harris, Secretary and General Agent of the Domestic Committee of the Missionary Society of the Church, and the Rev. George C. Shepard, D. D., of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Delegates from the several Parishes were referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ladson, Ford and Desaussure, who reported the following persons as duly elected, viz :—

*St. Philip's, Charleston*, D. Huger,\* B. D. Heriot,\* Edw. McCrady,\* and H. D. Lesesne.\*

*St. Andrew's*, William Bull,\* N. R. Middleton,\* George Haig, and F. S. Holmes.\*

*St. James's, Goose Creek*, Thomas Gadsden,\* and M. I. Keith.\*

*St. John's, Berkley*, Dr. Wm. L. Moultrie, Dr. Wm. Read,\* Dr. Benj. Huger,\* and Frederick A. Ford.\*

*St. Helena's, Beaufort*, Robert G. Barnwell,\* Robert W. Barnwell,\* Dr. B. B. Sams, and Dr. Thomas Fuller.\*

*Prince George's, Winyaw*, J. Rees Ford\* and John F. Pyatt.\*

*St. John's, John's Island*, Benj. Freeman,\* S. P. Chisolm,\* Richard H. Jenkins.

*Prince Frederick's Chapel, Pcedee*, A. H. Belin,\* R. F. W. Allston,\* and J. H. Allston.

*Prince William's*, George C. Mackay, Fred. G. Fraser, and Micah Jenkins.\*

*St. Michael's, Charleston*, Dr. H. S. Waring,\* Wm. J. Grayson, J. H. Ladson,\* and Dr. I. M. Campbell.\*

*St. Mark's, Clarendon*, J. Dyson.\*

*All Saint's, Waccamaw*, Francis M. Weston,\* John H. Tucker,\* Thomas Pinckney Alston,\* and Plowden C. J. Weston.\*

*Church on Edisto Island*, Dr. Edward Mitchell,\* A. H. Seabrook\*, and J. J. R. Wescoat.

*Claremont*, W. W. Anderson, M. D.,\* Col. J. J. Moore,\* J. N. Frier-son, and E. M. Anderson.\*

*Pineville and Upper St. John's*, Charles Sinkler, H. W. Ravenel,\* Maham Palmer, and William M. Porcher.\*

*St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro'*, G. W. Egleston, R. Martin, C. R. Brewster, and Thomas Waring.\*

*Grace Church, Sullivan's Island*, James L. Petigru\* and J. B. P'On.\*

*St. Paul's, Pendleton*, C. C. Pinckney,\* John L. North, and Paul Ham-ilton.

*St. Peter's Charleston*, Dr. Michel,\* C. G. Memminger,\* C. A. Desaus-sure, Edward Barnwell, Jr.

*Christ Church, Wilton*, Col. L. Morris,\* J. W. Faber,\* James Meggett.\*

*Holy Trinity, Grahamville*, Charles C. Dupont.\*

*Trinity, Edgefield*, Edmund B. Bacon.\*

*St John's, Fairfield*, Samuel DuBose.\*

*Church of the Messiah, North Santee*, Andrew Johnston,\* and James R. Pringle.\*

*Church of St. Thaddæus, Aiken*, E. R. Laurens,\* Col. James Gadsden, James A. Ashby,\* and W. C. Courtney.\*

Of these there were present, Messrs. D. Huger, Heriot, McCrady, Lesesne, Bull, Middleton, Haig, Holmes, Thomas Gadsden, F. A. Ford, Dr. Fuller, R. G. Barnwell, R. W. Barnwell, J. Rees Ford, Pyatt, Chisolm, Freeman, Belin, R. F. W. Allston, Jenkins, Ladson, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Waring, Dyson, F. M. Weston, Tucker, T. P. Alston, P. C. J. Weston, Seabrook, Moore, Dr. Anderson, E. M. Anderson, Ravenel, Porcher, Waring, Petigru, Pinckney, Desaussure, Dr. Michel, Morris, Meggett, Dupont, Bacon, Dubose, Johnston, Pringle, Ashby, Courtney and Laurens.

It being agreed to dispense with the vote by ballot for a Secretary the Rev. C. Wallace was nominated and unanimously re-elected. The Secretary re-appointed the Rev. P. T. Keith his assistant.

The Convention then being declared duly organized, the Bishop appointed as preacher, for the first day of the next Convention, Rev. Robert Henry, D. D., and as his substitute, the Rev. A. Woodward; also as preachers for other days than the first, the Rev. Messrs. P. Gadsden, P. T. Gervais, and A. Glennie.

The Rules of Order were suspended by a vote of two-thirds, in order to allow the Rev. Mr. Converse to introduce the following resolution, which was carried.

*Resolved*, That the fifth section of the third Rule of Order be altered, by striking out the words "*and the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, two Clergymen and two Laymen.*"

The Bishop appointed the following Committees, viz:

*On Finance*.—Messrs. Middleton, Lesesne, and Pringle.

*On Unfinished Business*.—Rev. Mr. Shand, Dr. Waring, and Mr. Bull.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina, respectfully report, that they have recommended to the Bishop, to be received as Candidates for Orders, Messrs. Richard S. Seely, James B. Laval, C. P. Gadsden, George L. Platt, Joseph B. Seabrook, and Wm. B. W. Howe.

For Deacon's Orders, Mr. L. Clement Johnson, Mr. N. Hyatt, Mr. John R. Fell and Mr. Richard S. Seely.

And for Priest's Orders, the Rev. William Dehon, and Rev. Robert Shindler.

They have also elected Rev. J. S. Hanckel, a member of the Committee, in the place of Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, resigned.

CH. HANCKEL, *President.*

The Rev. Mr. Dehon and Mr. Desaussure, being appointed Tellers of the votes for a Standing Committee, reported the following persons as elected, viz :

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.	C. G. Memminger,
" P. Trapier,	Dr. I. M. Campbell,
" P. T. Gervais,	James H. Ladson,
" P. T. Keith,	Edward McCrady,
" J. Stuart Hanckel,	G. W. Eggleston.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Belin, being appointed Tellers of the votes for Delegates to the General Convention, reported the following gentlemen as elected, viz :

The Rev, Paul Trapier,	J. H. Tucker,
" Dr. Hanckel,	C. G. Memminger,
" T. J. Young,	F. M. Weston,
" J. R. Walker,	L. Morris.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Trapier,

*Resolved*, To substitute for the words "*Committee on the Theological Seminary*," in the fourth rule section fourth, of the Rules of Order, the words, "*Trustees for aged and infirm Clergymen.*"

On motion of the Secretary,

*Resolved*, That the next meeting, after the final adjournment of the present Convention, be held on the *second Thursday* of February 1846.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Rules of Order be suspended in order to receive the Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Common, Permanent and Convention Funds.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Common, Permanent, and Convention Funds, reported as follows :—

*The BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, having in Trust the Funds instituted by the Convention, under the names of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds, submit their Report :*

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PERMANENT FUND.

1844.	To Common Fund for 3-4ths of \$1,666 02, receipts of the year,	-	\$1,249 50
	Investments,	- - - - -	1,800 00
	Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	-	112 05
			<u>-\$3,161 55</u>



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1844.	By Balance, - - - - -	\$484 97
	Cash in full of Principal of Bond St Peter's Church, - - -	1,000 00
	" Interest and Dividends, - - - - -	1,466 02
	" From Pro. Epis. Society, appropriation to this Fund for the } year 1843, }	200 00
	Balance due Treasurer, - - - - -	10 56
		<u>\$3,161 55</u>

THOMAS GADSDEN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

Signed,

N. R. MIDDLETON,

THOS. WARING:

February 6th, 1845.

NOTE.—Amount of Bishop's Permanent Fund \$18,096 06.

## DR. COMMON FUND.

1844.	To Cash paid Bishop of the Diocese, - - - - -	\$1,500 00
	Investments, - - - - -	950 00
	Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	57 00
	Balance, - - - - -	1,139 16
		<u>\$3,646 16</u>

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1844.	By Balance, - - - - -	\$1,256 16
	Cash from the following Churches, viz:	
	St. Helena, Beaufort, - - - - -	\$35 00
	Do. do. on account of arrears, - - - - -	5 50
	Trinity Church, Society Hill, - - - - -	5 00
	St. John's, Colleton, - - - - -	50 00
	Prince Frederick's, Pee Dee, - - - - -	10 00
	St. Andrew's Parish, - - - - -	10 00
	St. Peter's Church, Charleston, - - - - -	100 00
	St. John's, Berkley, - - - - -	50 00
	Church at Claremont, - - - - -	20 00
	Prince William's, - - - - -	10 00
	Grace Church, Camden, - - - - -	10 00
	St. James', James Island, - - - - -	5 00
	Christ Church, Wilton, - - - - -	15 00
	Pineville, Upper St. John's, - - - - -	10 00
	St. John's, Winnsboro', - - - - -	5 00
	Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, - - - - -	5 00
	St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, on account, - - - - -	50 00
	St. David's, Cheraw, - - - - -	10 00
	Church, Edisto Island, - - - - -	40 00
	Trinity Church, Columbia, - - - - -	30 00
	Prince George, Winyaw, - - - - -	50 00
	Christ Church, Greenville, - - - - -	5 00
	St Bartholomew's Church, - - - - -	25 00
	St. Thomas' Parish, - - - - -	20 00
	St. Luke's, - - - - -	15 00
	St. Philip's, Charleston, - - - - -	250 00
	St. Michael's, do. - - - - -	300 00
		<u>1,140 50</u>
	Permanent Fund, 3-4ths of Income received. - - - - -	1,249 50
		<u>\$3,646 16</u>

THOMAS GADSDEN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

Signed,

N. R. MIDDLETON,

THOS. WARING,

February 6th, 1845.

DR. BISHOP'S CONVENTION FUND.—*Condensed Statement.*

1844.	To Investments,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,774 62
	Incidental Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	94 24
	Balance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 70
								<u>\$1,887 56</u>

## CR.

1844	By Balance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 64
	Bonds and Notes collected,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
	Donation from F. W. Weston, Esq.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
	Interest and Dividends collected,	-	-	-	-	-	-	384 92
								<u>\$1,887 56</u>

THOMAS GADSDEN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

Signed,

N. R. MIDDLETON,  
HENRY D. LESESNE.  
JAS. R. PRINGLE.

February 14th, 1845.

NOTE.—Amount of Bishop's Convention Fund, \$8,455 62.

After prayers by the Bishop, adjourned.

*Friday, February 14th, 1845.*

The Convention met for Divine Service at 10 o'clock. Morning Prayer and the Litany were read by the Rev. C. Wallace. A child was baptized by the Rev. P. Trapier, Rector of the Church. A Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Stephen Elliott. After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, and a quorum of both orders was found present.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Obear, Webb, Babbitt, Mellichamp, and L. Clement Johnson, Deacon, appeared and took their seats.

Messrs. Christopher P. Gadsden, William B. W. Howe, and James B. Laval, Candidates for Holy Orders, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

The following Delegates, whose certificates were accepted yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

*St. John's, Berkley*, Dr. William Read and Dr. Benjamin Huger.

*Christ Church, Wilton*, J. W. Faber.

*St. Peter's, Charleston*, C. G. Memminger.

*Grace Church, Sullivan's Island*, J. B. I'On.

Certificates of Delegation were presented, referred and accepted in favor of the following persons, viz :—

*St. Bartholomew's Parish*, Edward Lowndes and Rich'd L. North.

*Grace Church, Camden*, Dr. James A. Young.

*St. Thomas' and St. Dennis's*, John Huger and Edmund Ravenel.

*St. Luke's Parish*, Thomas F. Drayton, William Pope, B. F. Scott, and Jeremiah Fickling.

Of the above, Mr. Huger and Dr. Young appeared and took their seats.

The Churches were called upon for their contributions towards the expenses of the Convention.

The Committee, on unfinished business, reported as follows:

The Committee on unfinished business beg leave respectfully to Report, that on consulting the Journals of the last Convention, they find that "the report and plan of a Diocesan Missionary Board" were, by resolution, laid on the table. (See page 16.) That a resolution of the Rev. Mr. Converse, in relation to the amendment of the 3d section of the 3d article of the Constitution, was laid on the table. (See p. 23.) That a resolution of the Rev. Mr. Young, in relation also to an amendment of the same section of the same article, was disposed of in the same manner. (See p. 27,) as were, likewise, certain resolutions introduced by Mr. McCrady, and to be found on pages 38 and 39 of the Journals.

The Committee would also bring to the notice of the Convention a resolution in regard to rumors unfavorable to the General Theological Seminary, (p. 21,) and certain resolutions offered by Dr. Waring, (p. 27,) which were referred to Special Committees.

PETER J. SHAND, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the Diocesan School reported as follows:

*To the Diocesan Convention of South-Carolina:—*

The Convention School Committee, in tendering to you an account of the third year of their Stewardship, are rejoiced that they can speak more encouragingly than when they last came before you. The cause committed to us, though in the interval it has gone through sundry vicissitudes, is believed to be steadily advancing to its rightful place in the approval and confidence of the parents and guardians of the children of our Church.

At the Quarterly Meeting in July last, the Committee, deeming the original plan of connecting a Boarding establishment with the Day-school, essential to the welfare of the latter, and having secured for this purpose the use of a spacious house and lot, informed the Principal of their views on this subject. But he replied to them that, however entire his agreement in those views, and sincere his desire to aid in carrying out their wishes, his health had become so infirm as to constrain him to decline a re election. At the close of the year he therefore resigned the charge of the School, carrying with him the Committee's grateful sense of his faithfulness to his trust, their high opinion of his ability, and their best wishes for his health and welfare.

Happily, his place has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. P. Teller Babbitt, Presbyter, of whose fitness for the office of Principal, the Committee have had abundant evidence, not only from the testimony of

others, but from their own interviews with him, and by the yet safer test of their experience of his worth, since he has been among us.

Under his direction, the School has thus far prospered more than ever. At the close of the first week of the present year, it numbered 25 pupils: it now contains 33, varying in their ages from 7 to 17 years, most of them being nearer the former than the latter age. Their studies, of course, are various, commencing with the first lessons after learning to read, and 11 of them being in the classics, and 5 of these in Greek. The teacher appears to feel the importance of grounding his pupils thoroughly in the rudiments of their respective branches of instruction.

In addition to the opening and closing of the School with devotional exercises, there is direct religious instruction on the Collects and Gospels, the Catechisms and other parts of our Prayer-Book, every day, for such a portion of their time as can be so employed without injury to their ordinary lessons—and, on Friday, the Bishop generally is present, and directs or assists in this duty. But a Clergyman being now in charge, the weekly attendance of others of the Clergy is deemed superfluous. Occasional visits are and will be made to the School by the members of the Committee,—who will, as in duty bound, be present at the semi-annual examinations, as heretofore. These, during the last year, afforded satisfactory evidence of the diligence, orderly conduct and proficiency of the pupils.

The efforts of the Committee toward carrying out the instructions of the Convention respecting a Female School, have not been relaxed,—but are hitherto unsuccessful; the Committee not being able to meet with any suitable person willing to undertake the peculiarly responsible office of its Principal. They have, however, kept this object steadily in view, for reasons which have been stated repeatedly in these Reports, and which are entertained with ever-increasing confidence. They accordingly render their request of fervent prayers, now and always, in this behalf, from all the pious of our Communion. The best part of our joint labors, they desire again to say, will, in their opinion, remain unaccomplished until a School shall be in full operation, at which the “daughters of the Lord Almighty” may have the highest advantages for being, not merely imbued deeply with “the principles of the doctrine of Christ,” as well as with the rudiments of secular knowledge, but where they can “go on unto perfection” in all the intellectual and moral excellencies, and even in the graceful adornings of the Christian female.

Mr. Jacob K. Sass has been elected on this Committee in place of Mr. James H. Ladson, who, from the pressure of other engagements, has withdrawn, much to the regret, and seriously to the loss of those who had learned to value highly his energetic co-operation.

In behalf of the Committee.

C. E. GADSDEN, *Chairman.*

Dr. Waring, from the Committee appointed last year, (See p. 27 of the Journal of 1844,) reported, that they declined any further action in the case.

The Trustees of the General Theological Seminary reported as follows:—



*To the Diocesan Convention of South-Carolina :—*

The undersigned, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, in fulfilment of the duty assigned by the last Convention to them in conjunction with others from this Diocese, respectfully Report, that one of them, being at the opening of the meeting of the Board in New-York, on the 26th day of June last, did, then and there, unite with another of the Trustees from this Diocese in laying before the Board the resolutions of this Convention, requesting investigation into the grounds of rumors unfavorable to the Institution : Whereupon it was

“ *Resolved*, That the said resolutions be referred to a Committee to consist of seven members, to report thereon in the fullest manner.”

The Rt. Rev. the Bishops of Western New-York and Massachusetts, the Rev. Dr. Mead, the Rev. Messrs. Barnwell and Trapier, and Messrs. E. A. Newton and T. L. Ogden were appointed as the Committee under this resolution. The Rev. Mr. Converse not being at that time a Trustee, but having been subsequently elected to fill a vacancy in the representation from this Diocese, was added to this Committee, as was also the Bishop of this Diocese, who however declined to serve.

Repeated meetings were held, but “ in consequence of the difficulty of reducing the subject matter committed to them to form, the interruptions arising from their attendance at the sessions of the Board, and the public examinations of the students, and their wish to give the matter a full investigation,” the Committee were unable, during that session, to do more than report progress and obtain leave to be continued till the Triennial Meeting in September last.

Accordingly, on the week before the said meeting, the first two of the undersigned were in New-York ; and after frequent meetings, and due consideration in Committee, and correspondence with the Professors, the conclusion was that, inasmuch as the Committee were unable to make further progress in the investigation entrusted to them, they would submit to the Board the Minutes of their Proceedings, together with the Communications of the Professors, and report as the result of their endeavors, that under existing circumstances the most expedient mode of investigating any rumors adverse to the Seminary, was to refer the subject to the Bishops as visitors of the Institution,—and the Committee asked to be discharged.

This was consequently the course pursued. An Episcopal Visitation of the Seminary took place. Questions, many and minute, were propounded to the Professors, and answered in like manner. These all, with sundry resolutions or recommendations resulting therefrom, have been published by the Bishops. So have the Minutes of the Proceedings at the last Annual and Triennial Meetings of the Board of Trustees. The whole matter, the undersigned are therefore of opinion, is before the Church, and within reach of any of the members of this Convention,

who may seek information from the documents referred to, respecting the rumors into which the undersigned were requested to inquire.

All which is respectfully submitted

PAUL TRAPIER,  
A. L. CONVERSE,  
CHS. HANCKEL,  
PETER J. SHAND.

*February 14th, 1845.*

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the above Report be received as information, and inserted on the Journal.

The Committee on a plan of Missions, were called upon for their Report, and reported as last year, with verbal explanations.

It was moved that the Report be accepted and the plan adopted.— Pending the discussion of this motion, it was moved by the Hon. Robert W. Barnwell, to lay the whole subject on the table. It was then moved to adjourn, but the motion was lost. Mr. Barnwell's motion was then carried, and the matter laid on the table.

After Prayers, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, adjourned to 10 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

*Saturday, February 15th, 1845.*

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. J. H. Fowles, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. A. Fowler.

The Convention was called to order, and a quorum found present.

The names of members absent yesterday were called; whereupon Mr. Egleston, from *St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro'*, Mr. Keith, from *St. James's, Goose Creek*; and Mr. Porcher, from *Pineville*, appeared and took their seats.

The Churches were called upon for their contributions to the expenses of Convention.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:—

The Committee on Finance beg leave respectfully to Report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurers of the Convention, and the Bishop's Convention fund respectively, and found them correct.

In the former, they find a balance in hand of \$21 82, twenty-one dollars, 82-100, not enough to pay the amount due for printing, but it is observed that several of the Parishes are still in arrear.

There is a balance of eighteen dollars, 70-100, in favor of the Bishop's Convention fund, but the interest is due on one of the bonds, and some of the notes belonging to the fund, and on several for two entire years. The investments are as follows, viz:—

Bonds and Notes,	-	-	-	\$2,100 00
Bank Stock,	-	-	-	3,165 50
State and City Stock,	-	-	-	2,990 12
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The fund has increased twelve hundred and seventy-four dollars, 62-100, during the last year.

N. R. MIDDLETON.

The Committee on the support of aged and infirm Clergymen, reported as follows:—

“The Trustees of the fund for aged and infirm Clergymen” Report—That on the 21st June, they had a meeting, and voted for the relief of a very aged Clergyman, who is without a Cure, a sum, as will appear in the Treasurer’s report of receipts and disbursements hereto subjoined.

The Trustees are the Bishop *ex officio*, and three Lay gentlemen,—Messrs. N. R. Middleton, G. W. Egleston, and J. R. Pringle.

Dr. *Fund for the Relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, in account current with Jas. R. PRINGLE, Treasurer.*

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1844. July 20,	To Paid the Rev. A. Fowler,	\$100 00	1844. Feb. 19	By Balance brought forward, Collection at Church in St. Bartholomew's Parish, from Rev. J. H. Fowles,	\$332 59
			21	" at the Church in St. John's Berkeley, received from Rev. C. Wallace,	6 50
			Nov. 2	" at St. Michael's Church, from Rev. P. T. Keith,	15 00
				" at St. Philip's Church, received from Mr. Henry Trescott,	57 62
				" at Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, received from Rev. J. H. Cornish,	48 75
				" at St. John's Church, Winstboro', received from Rev. J. Obear,	17 06
			17	" at St. Paul's Church, Radcliffboro', received from Rev. C. Hanckel,	8 50
				" at Emmanuel Church, Chester, by Rev. Mr. Phillips, Missionary,	21 97
				" at the Church at Claremont, received from Rev. A. L. Convers,	8 00
			1845	" at the Church at St. Helena Island, received from Rev. D. McIlhennan,	25 00
			Jan. 17	" at the Churches of All-Saints, Waccamaw, received from Rev. A. Glennie,	16 50
			17	Donation from Mrs. Peter Gaillard, member of the Congregation of St. Philip's Church,	25 25
			Feb. 10	Collection at Grace Church, Camden, Rev. F. P. Lee, Rector, through J. M. Desausserie,	5 00
					13 75
	To Balance transferred,	501 49			\$601 49
		\$601 49			
				By Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$501 49

Charleston, Feb. 14, 1845.



The same Committee were re-appointed.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the fund for aged and infirm Clergymen be requested to remind the Clergy of the Diocese, every year, some weeks before the day of annual Thanksgiving, of the collection recommended for that day by resolutions of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Young moved the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese be, and is hereby respectfully requested by this Convention, to admit from time to time, as circumstances may seem to render it desirable, to the Holy Order of Deacons, such persons and under such restrictions as are contemplated by the sixth Canon of the General Convention of 1844.

On motion of Mr. Memminger, it was laid on the table for the present.

On motion of Mr. Laurens,

*Resolved*, To recommend to the next Convention to adopt the following amendment to the Constitution, viz :

Art. III. Sec. 4. No Deacon ordained under the provisions of the sixth Canon of the General Convention of 1844, shall in any case be entitled to a seat, or vote in this Convention, any thing in the second and third sections of this Article to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Resolved*, That Sections 4, 5 and 6, be numbered 5, 6 and 7.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Trapier,

*Resolved*, That the expenses of the Rev. Mr. Wallace, amounting to \$11, (eleven dollars,) in procuring the resignation from the Ministry of the Rev. Mr. Dickinson, late a Presbyter of this Diocese, be defrayed from the Treasury of this Convention.

On motion of the Secretary,

*Resolved*, That 800 copies of the Journal, Parochial and other Reports, Constitution, Canons, Rules of Order and Standing Resolutions, be printed.

Mr. McCrady called up the resolutions offered by him last year, (see page 38, Journal of 1844,) and laid on the table. Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Converse, that they be indefinitely postponed. The vote was called for by orders. It was moved by the Hon. Robert W. Barnwell, to lay them on the table

The President decided that the motion was not in order, the voting on indefinite postponement having already commenced. An appeal being taken from the decision of the Chair, was not sustained. The vote recurring on the indefinite postponement, it resulted as follows:—

Of the Clergy, Ayes twenty-one, (21); Noes twelve, (12.) Of the Laity, Ayes fourteen, (14); Noes eight, (8.)

So the indefinite postponement was carried by a majority of both orders.

The Parochial and other Reports were presented and laid on the table.

The Bishop then proceeded to read his Address, as follows:—

*Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:—*

Canon the VIIIth of 1841, of our General Convention, the original of which was Canon XI of 1804, entitled “of the mode of securing an “accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time,” enacts, in section 2, that “at every Annual Convention, the Bishop shall deliver “an Address, stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of “the Convention,” under seven particulars.

First. “The names of the Churches he has visited” are St. Michael’s, Charleston, four times; Christ Church, Wilton; St. Bartholomews, Ashepoo; Prince Williams, Sheldon; Holy Trinity, Grahamville; St. Luke’s, May River; St. John’s, Winnsboro,’ twice; Immanuel, Chester, twice; St. Helena’s, on the Island; St. Helena’s, Beaufort; Church at Rockville; Edingsville Chapel, Edisto Island; Trinity, Abbeville; St. Stephen’s, Pineville; St. Thaddeus, Aiken, twice; St. John’s, Hampstead; Clarkson Chapel, Wateree; Claremont Church, Stateburgh; St. Stephen’s, Charleston, twice; Christ Church Parish, at St. Andrew’s Chapel; St. Peter’s, Charleston; St. Paul’s, Summerville; Trinity, Columbia; Church of the Epiphany, near the Rocks in St. John’s, Berkley. Thirteen of these visits were Canonical, and eighteen informal.\*

Second. “The number of persons Confirmed” was, viz: Of St John’s, Berkley, 11; Christ Church, Wilton, 8; St. Bartholomew’s, 3; Prince William’s, 3; St. Luke’s, 2; Grahamville, 5; Wateree, 14; St. John’s, Hampstead, 2; Chester, 19; St. Helena’s Island, 2; Beaufort, 20; Rockville, 4; Edingsville, 27; Aiken, 3; St. Stephen’s, Charleston, 1; St. Thomas’, Whitmarsh, Penusylvania, 9; Abbeville, 4; Columbia, 8; St. Michael’s, 6; St. Peter’s, 10; St. Paul’s, 4; St. Philip’s, 4. In the Diocese, 160; out of it, 9—Total, 169.

Third. “The names of those received as Candidates for Orders” are R. S. Seely, J. B. Laval, C. P. Gadsden, G. L. Platt, W. B. W. Howe, and J. B. Seabrook. The whole number of candidates at present is thirteen, viz: the five last named, (Mr. Seely having been ordained) and eight named in former addresses, viz.—Messrs. I. G. Drayton, L. F. Klepstein, W. O. Prentiss, T. Fuller, Jun.: W. H. Hanckel, J. M. Pringle, E. H. Downing, and A. Gregg. John S. Richardson, Jun., is no longer a candidate for Holy Orders, he having requested me to remove his name from the list of candidates, in consequence of ill health incapacitating him to study, and Charles C. Adams has, at his request, been dismissed to the diocese of Florida. W. H. Hanckel is at our “Theological Seminary,” and the others are pursuing their studies under the “Ecclesiastical authority,” as prescribed by Canon X of 1832.

Fourth. “The names of those ordained” are, as Presbyters, Rev. William Dehon and Robert D. Shindler; as Deacons, Lawrence Clement Johnson, John R. Fell, Nathaniel Hyatt, and Richard S. Seely, the last named under the Canon VII of 1838, he having been a Minister in the Methodist connection.

Fifth. The name of the Minister displaced is Rodolphus Dickenson, late a Presbyterian, he having made known to me his renunciation of the

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\*For particulars as to these visits, see Gospel Messenger.

Ministry—this proceeding was “for causes not affecting his moral standing.”

Sixth. “The changes\* by removal or otherwise,” are as follows:—The Rev. Jedediah Huntington, M. D., Presbyterian from Vermont; the Rev. Henry Elwell, Presbyterian from Florida; the Rev. Pierre T. Babbitt, Presbyterian from New-York; the Rev. Edward Walker, Presbyterian from Georgia; and the Rev. Carter Page, Deacon from Georgia; the Rev. A. Ford, Presbyterian, from Florida; and the Rev. Isaac Swart, from Western New-York, have been “accepted” as Canonical residents of this diocese.

The first named is in Europe, for the benefit of his health, which had been seriously impaired. The second, I have been officially informed, is the Rector of St. David's, Cheraw. The third has recently entered on the charge of the school founded by this Convention, as Principal of the same, and on the Lord's Day, has officiated as a Missionary at Sullivan's Island. The fourth, I am informed, though not officially, is the Minister of Christ Church, Wilton; the fifth, the Deacon, is officiating at Trinity Church, Edgefield; the sixth, has taken charge of St. Thaddens Church, Aiken—my concurrence, in his appointment, having been asked by the Wardens and Vestry of that Church; and the seventh is officiating in Marion and Darlington districts, near Mars' Bluff.

The Rev. W. J. Boone, late a Presbyterian, has been consecrated under the title of Missionary Bishop for China, and has sailed for that country.

The Rev. L. C. Johnson has been Missionary, (aided by our valuable “Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,”) in Spartanburg district.

The Rev. Richard S. Seely has been Missionary, assisted by the fund for “Missions in the State,” in the districts of Newberry, Marion and York.

The Rev. N. Hyatt, Deacon, is officiating in St. James' Parish, Santee.

Lastly. “All matters tending to throw light on the affairs of *the diocese*.”

Two persons have been examined for Priests, and seven for Deacon's Orders; the whole number of examinations was fifteen.

Three Churches have been consecrated; St. Stephen's Chapel, Pineville, which was built in 1810; “Church of the Epiphany,” near the Rocks in St. John's Parish, Berkley, which was built in 1808; and Trinity Church, Abbeville, built in 1844.

On eleven occasions, various services were held for the class of servants, viz., in St. John's, (Rev. Mr. Dehon's cure) in St. John's (Rev. Mr. Wallace's cure) St. Bartholomew's; Wilton; Prince William's; St. Luke's; Richland district, and Beaufort. Of the confirmed, 70 were of this class.

The School, founded by our Convention, has been frequently visited, in general, once a week, when not absent from the city. At three extra meetings, at three quarterly meetings, and at the July examination, I was present, but when the fourth quarterly meeting and the December examination occurred, I was absent from the city, on Church business. The late worthy Principal, Dr. M'Dougall, having resigned, the Rev.

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\*The changes are, some of them reported in the Gospel Messenger, as recommended in Canon XLVIII, Section 2.



P. T. Babbitt, who had most satisfactory testimonials, was elected his successor, and entered on his responsible charge on the day of the feast of the Epiphany, in the Rectory of St. Philip's, which, as well from the commodiousness of the building, as the extent of the grounds, is believed to be a peculiarly eligible situation. It is known that this valuable glebe was a donation to St. Philip's Church by that justly honored member, Mrs. Afra Coming,\* who, in the deed of gift, dated December 1698, declares her motive to be "to encourage a good, charitable and pious work "in consideration of the love and duty" she owed "to the Church of "England, of which she professed herself a daughter;" and that in this house, many, who afterwards essentially served the diocese, both by their labors and their means, resided as pupils of our first Bishop, then President of the College of Charleston.

If these departed friends are cognizant of earth, surely they must be gratified to perceive this property returned to its former use, and made available to that very important interest of our Church—the education of her sons. May we not hope that hence, as in former days, will come clergymen a blessing to their generation, and laymen to hold up their hands, and to co-operate with them in the strengthening and extending of the Church. It affords me much satisfaction to be able to report that there has been an accession of day scholars, the number being now 33. I wish I could add there were many boarders, (there is only one) as the usefulness of the institution will be much advanced by the Principal having under his roof and constant inspection those young gentlemen, whose parents reside in the country. I have not less satisfaction in stating (indeed if Parochial Schools were generally instituted for both sexes, there would be no occasion for a Diocesan School, and it seems to me the parochial system is the preferable one,) that a school for girls, connected with Trinity Church, Columbia, and two schools, one for boys and the other for girls, connected with St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston, have been commenced during the year. There has been for several years a like school, which is understood to be flourishing, connected with St. Peter's Church, Charleston. If I could report that every congregation in the diocese had within its reach a proper Church School, I am sure you would agree with me that a most happy change had taken place among us, and a bright day was dawning on the diocese. The Church and the School, the education of the soul, and the intellect ought ever to be in alliance, humble reliance on the providence and grace of God, being always cherished. Let us be thankful, and take courage from the results and the prospects in favor of the great cause of Christian Church education.

At two quarterly meetings, (at the time of the other two, I was absent from the city on Church business,) and at two extra meetings of the most valuable Society to which the diocese is so largely indebted for the "advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," I presided. In the report for the year, which will be published, and in the previous annual reports, thirty-four in number, in the Constitution, and the first address of this institution, you can obtain full information as to its design and

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\*Dalcho's Church History, p. 34. Mrs. Coming was a collateral relative of individuals who have been distinguished benefactors of our Church.



doings, and therefore as to its claims on the continued, and more and more liberal, patronage of the members of our Church—of those who love the Church, who love “their own, their native land,” and who would bestow on their brethren in Christ the richest of earthly blessings: “the knowledge of God’s truth,”\* and the “means of grace;” and on their fellow-countrymen in general the inestimable privileges of possessing the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, and of participating in the teachings and devotions of the Church and the Ministry—the Church “built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.” Let this Society number among its members every baptized one in our diocese, each contributing to it something, the rich of their abundance, and the poor of their penury, and we should have the means of placing at least one minister in every one of the districts of the State—of giving a prayer book to every one who would receive it—and of taking by the hand and educating for the sacred ministry those youths of piety and genius, whom adverse circumstances prevent from indulging the desire, perhaps long cherished, of serving God and souls in the holy office. Why should we be less, why should we not be more interested in strengthening and extending the Church in South-Carolina, than in another of our sister States, or in a far distant land? Why should our old, and our young, our middle aged, and our little children not have their sympathies invoked, and their alms applied for the heathen, the semi-Christianized, and the errorists, within the limits of our own State, in our swamps, and our mountains? By an effort united, liberal, and continued for a few years, “the Gospel in the Church” might be made accessible to every one, of all colors, of the half million inhabitants of South-Carolina. The library (which is a special advantage to the Clergy and Candidates for Orders) of this Society has received a valuable addition during the year by the gift on the part of fifty subscribers† thereto, at the cost of \$2,000 of the many excellent and rare theological books of our late revered and beloved Bishop.

The “Charleston P. E. Female Domestic Missionary Society,” (the excellent institution by which our two Missionary Chapels, St. Stephen’s and St. John’s, are chiefly sustained)—at its Executive Committee, on three occasions of its meeting, I attended.

The “Episcopal Female, Bible, Prayer-Book and Tract Society,” (an institution which has done and is doing much good, and been a valuable auxiliary to our “Advancement Society” enabling it, being relieved by this younger Society, to apply a larger amount of its income to Missions.) at its Anniversary meeting on Whit-Tuesday, I presided.

The Sunday schools connected with our Churches in the city, and our Church in Hampstead, at the two semi-annual celebrations for the same, viz. on Whit-Monday, and on Thanksgiving day, I was present—the latter failed, owing to extremely inclement weather.

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\* St. Chrysostom’s prayer.

† 17 Clergymen contributed

12 Ladies,

31 Lay Gentlemen,

\$475

395

1,140

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Total, \$2000

The "Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans" of our Clergy, the ancient institution, which a wise and generous laity founded, and generation after generation, nobly sustain, whose praise is or ought to be in all our congregations—at *its* anniversary commemoration, I much regret Church business in Philadelphia prevented my being present.

"The Board of Trustees (appointed by the Convention) for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen," at *its* meeting for disbursement, I presided.

The "Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society," at a meeting of some members of the same, held in Charleston by request of the two Secretaries, I presided.

At the Monthly Missionary Meeting, held in St. Stephen's Chapel, on one occasion, in my turn, I read "Evening Prayer," and delivered a lecture on Missions.

A "Circular" to the clergy, recommending a collection for Missions, diocesan, domestic and foreign, on Palm Sunday—that day being designated by our General Missionary Society, was addressed, under date of Ash-Wednesday, 1844

A "Circular" to the members of our Church, in and near Charleston, on the proper observance of the Passion week, and in particular of "Maunday-Thursaday," and "Good Friday," was addressed by me, under date, Monday before Easter; and it affords me pleasure to state that its more especial object, viz., the inducing our people to decline festivities in holy week, was happily effected.

A "Form of Prayer," for an extra occasion, under the authority of Canon XLVII, and by request of the Minister officiating on the Anniversary of the Orphan House of Charleston, was prepared by me.

For Missions within the State, there has been placed in my hands, from time to time, small sums from nineteen congregations, viz:—St. Paul's, Radcliff boro'; St. Michael's, St. Philip's, St. Peter's, Charleston; St. John's, Hampstead; John's Island, St. Helena Island, Claremont, All Saints, Columbia, Cheraw, St. John's, (Berkley,) Winnsboro', James' Island, Church of Messiah, Greenville, Georgetown, Prince Frederick's, and Pineville. Also, from a Missionary Society of colored persons \$15, who had contributed to Domestic Missions \$16; to Foreign \$16—Total, 47.

With this assistance, (and I regret much it was too small to allow of employing many missionaries, or on a *permanent* arrangement, indeed for any longer than a short time,) Missionary services have been provided at Sullivan's Island, Aiken, Chester, York, Newberry, Edgefield, St. James', Santee, Beaufort, Wateree, and Christ Church. The clergymen, who kindly rendered the services, received no compensation, but simply having their expenses paid, were Rev. Messrs. Fowler, Howard, Patterson, Hyatt, Fell, Seeley, Shindler, C. L. Johnson and others, who went for one or more Sundays to Aiken. This "fund for missions in the State," enabled me also to give some small assistance, at a time of peculiar need, to the "Charleston P. E. Female Domestic Missionary Society." The Bank Book, setting forth the receipts, disbursements, and balance, is on the table for the inspection of the Members of the Convention. In this connection, it is proper to mention the Rev. M. H. Lance, who has served the Church in Prince Frederick's Parish, and the Rev.

C. P. Elliott, who officiated at Bradford Springs and elsewhere, *gratuitously*. The worthy Secretary of the Convention, at my request, kindly prepared a map, (which has been engraved, and a copy, now on the table, may be had by any one present,) designating the localities of all our Churches in the diocese, and of course the many districts in which there is not one Church, or only a few, or fewer than there might, and ought to be, of Churches of our faith.

The expenditures incidental to the Episcopal office, during the year, amount to \$1255 28, leaving a balance from the salary, in my hands, of \$244 72.\* The generous hospitality extended to me, both in this diocese, and in New-York, for which I ask leave here to record my sincere acknowledgments, has essentially diminished my expenses. The salary is more than sufficient for the necessary expenses, and the greater portion of it has been expended in what appeared to me might be justly regarded as expected from, and adapted to promote the usefulness of, the office.—The reduction of it, if the Convention see fit, will not be objected to by me—inasmuch as the Vestry of my beloved and estimable parish continue to make, as they have made for thirty-five years, sufficient provision for the support of myself and family—for which I must here be permitted to record my deep sense of gratitude, and regret that I have not served them as they had a right to be served. The distance of my several journeys was 5138 miles. The number of letters received by me was 302, and the number written about one third less.

Having concluded the canonically required statement of “the affairs of the diocese,” it may be proper to add, as has been customary, and indeed as explanatory of fewer visitations and other services within the diocese during the past than preceding years, that a large portion of time has been occupied in the affairs of our Ecclesiastical Confederacy out of this diocese.

The “General Convention” of our dioceses in the United States of America, had its triennial session in Philadelphia from October 2d to 22d inclusive. The “Theological Seminary,” its Board of Trustees had their triennial meeting on the 30th September. The “Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church,” its Board of Missions had several meetings in Philadelphia, in October, and the Executive Committee of its domestic department, had two meetings in New York, in December. The “General Sunday School Union”—its Committee had a meeting in New York, Sept. 30, and its triennial meeting was in Philadelphia, on several days, on and after October 30th.

“The Court of Bishops” had a session in New-York, commencing December 10, for twenty-two days; on all these occasions, I was present. The Journal, Reports, and Proceedings of these bodies are in print, and will afford all the information, general and particular, which may be desired respecting them. To the report of the Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and in particular to the resolutions† 2d and 3d, in pages

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\*The account was laid on the table.

†*Resolved* 2. That the Bishops as visitors, having visited the Seminary, and inspected the same, do not find in any of its interior arrangements any evidence that superstitious or Romish practices are allowed or encouraged in the Institution.

*Resolved* 3. That the Bishops deem the publication of the questions of the Bishop, and the answers of the Professors, the most appropriate reply to the current rumors respecting the doctrinal teaching of the Seminary.



6 and 7, I also refer you. Other services by me; out of the diocese, are as follows :—

October 13, Lord's Day, at Whitemarsh, (Penn.,) by request of the Bishop, I administered Confirmation, made an address; and preached twice. I also preached,

October 27, at St. John's, Washington City.

November 25, at St. Paul's, Augusta.

December 8, at St. Paul's, Baltimore,

“ 15, at St. Clement's, and (All Saints,) New-York.

“ 22, at Christ Church, New-York and at the Church of the Redeemer, in the afternoon.

And 29th, at St. Philip's, New-York.

January 5, at Church of the Annunciation, New-York, I administered the Holy Communion.

October 25, I made a visit to that admirable Church institution, “St. James' College, Maryland,” and December 12, (Thanksgiving day;) and on Christmas day, to the kindred and elder institution, “St. Paul's College,” College Point, Long Island, State of New-York, where I assisted at the Holy Communion.

May the blessing of the Divine head of the Church rest upon these Seminaries of sound learning and piety, and on their disinterested founders and supporters, more and more! May their fruits be yet more abundant, and may each diocese, and our own in particular, soon have a like proper Church College.

There is a subject in which each diocese, not only in these United States, but every where is greatly concerned, and I ask leave to present it to your attention—it is the possession of an accurate and complete history of the Church. The history of its earliest ages, which we may call its inspired history, we have in the sacred Scriptures; but its history, since inspiration ceased, is declared, at least by the members of our branch of the Church, to be a desideratum, for in the General Convention 1838, the following resolution, on motion of Bishop Hopkins, was adopted,\* it is believed unanimously—“That the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, “D. D., L. L. D., be appointed historiographer of the Church, with a view to his preparing, from the most original sources now extant, a “faithful Ecclesiastical History, reaching from the Apostle's times to the “formation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.”

It was known that the Rev. gentleman named was pre-eminently, we might say of our clergy exclusively, qualified, at the time, for entering on such an undertaking, because he was familiar with the languages, ancient and modern, in which the Ecclesiastical histories of all times are written; had been reading for many years, with a view to the preparation of a complete history of the Church; and because, during a ten years' sojourn in Europe, he had the advantage of intercourse with learned theologians, and of gathering the many books now in his possession, necessary for the proper fulfilment of his important purpose.

The “General Convention” had no fund to meet the unavoidable expenses of the historiographer; nevertheless, he soon entered on the duty of the office, and transmitted to the House of Bishops in 1841, a portion

\*Journal 1838, pages 79 and 113.



of his history in manuscript, whereupon their Committee reported, that "they were struck with the extraordinary research and exact fidelity exhibited in the work," and "the House commended it to the patronage of the Church." In the year just past, the author visited England, and had the first volume stereotyped, and the approbation of several prominent persons there who were permitted to inspect it has been publicly expressed. No one questions that it reflects great honor on the Church in America, and promises great usefulness to the Church universal. My object in going into this detail is, to invite your patronage to this work, not only as a valuable accession to the library of each one of you, containing important instruction for your families, but as an appropriate expression of your sense of obligation to the indefatigable author, who, with the bare possibility of a moderate remuneration for his time and labor, has given to the Church Catholic, and in particular to the branch of it in the United States of America, so rich and exhaustless a treasure. Regarding it as reasonably to be expected, that all the dioceses should co-operate in promoting this action of the General Convention, I have made myself personally responsible for one hundred copies for this diocese.

On former occasions, (it having appeared to me entirely within my province, and a summary method of inculcating the principles which are most surely to be believed among us,) books of a practical character have been commended to the attention of the Clergy and Laity of this diocese. And I now, with more than ordinary emphasis, recommend to "Clergymen, Schools, and private families," and I add to god-fathers and god mothers, the work entitled "A Help to Catechising," by James Beaven, D. D., "Professor of Theology in the University of King's College, Toronto—with corrections and alterations, adapting it to the use of the P. E. Church in the United States." This book has been used with decided advantage in our sister dioceses, and in several congregations of this diocese.

There remains no other subject to which it seems to me necessary to invite your attention, and through you, that of the members of our diocese. "And now as the Holy Church, throughout all the world, doth acknowledge the Father of an infinite Majesty—the adorable, true and only Son—also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, *so may all mankind.*—Amen."

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Sexton of St. Michael's Church be allowed the usual compensation for his services in attendance on this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Organist of this Church for her kind services during the session of this Convention.

The Minutes of this day were read and approved.

After appropriate collects by the Bishop and the Episcopal Benediction, adjourned.

C. E. GADSDEN, *ex-officio President*.

Attest.

CRANMORE WALLACE, *Secretary*.

## PAROCHIAL, MISSIONARY, AND OTHER REPORTS.

*Charleston, February 14th, 1845.*

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Since my arrival in South-Carolina, December 10th, 1844, I have officiated every Sunday, with but one exception. The three last Sundays have been spent in whole, or in part upon Sullivan's Island, where I have officiated twice. From the long interruptions of our services there, the congregation is but small, but there is good reason to hope, that a regular effort might be the means of benefit, to a class of men, who will have but little done for their souls, by their brethren ; although their situation is such, as to call for our sympathy and christian kindness.

Respectfully, yours to command,

P. TELLER BABBIT.

*St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*

The Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult ; 10 white children ; 2 colored children : total, 13. Marriages, 3 white ; 7 colored ; total, 10. Burials, 8 white ; 2 colored ; total, 10. Communicants, 182 white ; 39 colored ; total, 221. Non-communicants, about 180 white ; about 90 colored ; total, 270.—Children under fourteen, about 190 white ; about 80 colored ; total, 270. Families, 131 white ; about 50 colored ; total, 181. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 15 white. Children catechised six days, about 60 white ; about 90 colored ; total, 150. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 colored. Sunday School Teachers, 26 white. Scholars, about 110 white ; about 200 colored ; total, 310. Public worship, St. Peter's Church, 52 Sundays ; 37 other days ; total 141. Lecture Room, 24 other days ; whole number of times in all, 165.

REMARKS.—During the summer and autumn, a daily school for colored children was kept by several ladies of the congregation ; the instruction was oral, and exclusively of a religious character. The number of children who attended was from 40 to 50, and their progress was quite encouraging.

*Church at Claremont.*

The Rev. A. L. Converse, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult ; 15 colored ; 2 white children ; total, 18. Burials, 6 white. Communicants, 34 white ; 60 colored ; total, 94. Non-communicants, 65 white. Children under fourteen, 34 white. Families, 25 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 6 white. Children catechised eight days, 9 white. Public worship, Claremont Church, 26 Sundays ; 3 other days ; whole number of times, 29.

REMARKS.—The Rector of the Parish was absent at the North for about four months ; during which time his parishioners were much gratified by the occasional ministrations of the Rev. C. P. Elliott, and on one Lord's day, of the Rev. F. P. Lee ; while the pleasure of the Rector's visit to his relations was much enhanced by the assurance, that his people would not be entirely destitute of ministerial services. The Lord's Supper has been administered eight times. The religious instruction of, and public worship with the black people, has been continued with increasing satisfaction to the Rector, and with the hope and prayer of greater spiritual blessing from God to these humblest of Christ's poor.

Collections for Church objects, have been as follows :—

For aged and infirm Clergymen, - - -	\$24 50
" Domestic Missions, - - -	70 00
" Diocesan do. - - -	15 00
" Foreign do. - - -	10 00
" Bishop's Common Fund, - - -	20 00
" Convention Expenses, - - -	10 00
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*Trinity Church, Abbeville.*

The Rev. A. H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white adults ; 6 white children ; 16 colored ; total, 26. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 16 white. Non-communicants, 25 white ; colored not known. Children under fourteen, 40 white ; colored not ascertained. Families, 19 white ; colored not known. Families belonging nominally to other denominations, but having seats in our Church, 8. White children catechised in Church immediately after morning service, 24 Sundays ; average number present, 6. Confirmations, 4 white. Public worship, Trinity Church, 36 Sundays ; 12 other days ; other places in Abbeville District, 7 Sundays ; out of it, 3 Sundays ; whole number of times, 104.

REMARKS.—In removing my family last winter, I was necessarily absent from my Parish four Sundays. One of them I passed, at the request of my Diocesan, on Sullivan's Island, where I held two services, and administered the Holy Communion. Two Sundays kept from the Sanctuary by sickness. The Sacrament of the Supper has been administered on the first Sunday of every month ; also once to a sick and aged member of the Church at the Poor-house.

Communion alms, \$35. Raised within the Parish for Organ, \$300 ; towards Rector's salary, \$200. Appropriated to general Domestic Missions, \$6 ; Diocesan, Advancement Society, \$5 ; Relief do. \$5 ; Female Bible, Prayer-book and Tract Society, \$3.

The Vestry have recently purchased five acres of land, adjacent to the lot on which the Church is located ; the tract cost about \$100. Upon it, a few rods only from the Church, is an excellent site for a Parsonage of which the Parish is much in want, and which we hope to see erected at no distant day : Provided, that older and more favored portions of the Diocese, do not cease to remember us in their prayers and offerings.

Have, since May, devoted between one and two hours each Lord's day, to the instruction of a class of colored people, in the first principles of Christianity. The class has averaged about 20 ; and has made very gratifying and encouraging progress.

The Parish has, within the year, lost by removal and death, two families and five communicants ; a severe loss considering its youth and feebleness. Nevertheless, a comparison of the statistics of the present with those of my first report, will serve to show, I trust, that the great and Adorable Head of the Church, has not been unmindful of this member of his militant body.

Our grateful acknowledgements are due to certain benevolent ladies of Charleston, for five pieces of Communion Plate—cost \$110.

#### *The Church of the Messiah, North Santee.*

John H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults ; 16 colored ; 47 colored children ; total, 65. Marriages, 2 colored. Burials, 1 white ; 3 colored ; total, 4. Communicants, 15 white ; most of whom belong also to other Congregations ; colored, 8 ; total, 24. Children catechised, 70 colored. Public worship, at the Church of the Messiah, for whites, Sundays A. M., 23 ; other days, A. M. 2. For colored, Sundays (8 A. M.) 20 ; P. M. 14. On Plantations, P. M. 5 ; whole number of times, 62.

#### *Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.*

John H. Cornish, Minister.

Baptisms—7 white children. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 35 ; of whom 28 belong also to other congregations.—Children catechised, 6 white ; number of times, 11. Public Worship in Grace Church, Sundays 20 ; other days 2 ; whole number of times, 42.

#### *St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.*

The Rev. William Dehon, Rector.

Baptisms—5 colored adults ; 5 white children ; total, 10. Burials, 4. Communicants, 46 white ; 8 colored ; total ; 54. Non-communicants, 70 white. Children under fourteen, 78 white. Families, 41 white. Children catechised five days, 20 white. Public worship, St. Stephens, 19 Sundays ; 28 other days ; total, 58 ; Black Oak, 10 Sundays ; 1 other day ; total, 11 ; Church of the Epiphany, 10 Sundays ; 2 other days ; total, 12 ; Plantations, 29 Sundays ; 12 other days ; total, 41. Whole number of times, 122.



REMARKS.—During the past year, the Lord's Supper has been administered fourteen times, and twice also at Whiteville, where I performed service on three Sundays in the absence of the Rector of that Parish. The amount collected for Missions, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign, has been \$304. A small Sunday School has been kept up during the summer months, the average number of children in attendance being about 15. Whilst absent for several weeks at the close of the summer, service was performed in the Church at Pineville by a Lay-reader.

*Report of the City Mission in connexion with St. Stephen's Chapel.*

The Rev. Thomas C. Dupont, Missionary.

Baptisms—1 white adult ; 22 white children ; 8 colored ; total, 31.—Marriages, 9 white ; 4 colored ; total, 13. Burials, 12 white ; 6 colored, total, 18. Communicants, 120 white ; 17 colored ; total, 137. Non-communicants, not counted. Children under fourteen, not counted.—Families, 109 white ; 10 colored ; total, 119. Families belonging to other Congregations, 3 white. Children catechised 27 days, whole Sunday School together. Sunday School Teachers, 18 white. Number of Scholars, 105 average attendance. Public worship, St. Stephen's Chapel, 52 Sundays ; 102 other days ; whole number of times, 211.

REMARKS.—The Missionary would remark, as an incentive to those better able to give than those under his care, that from his congregation, Sunday School and Bible Class, the following sums have been collected during the year :

For Expenses of the Chapel,	-	-	\$195 80 $\frac{1}{4}$
“ Offerings for Missions,	-	-	103 39 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ Education of four boys in Africa,	-	-	109 18
“ Rev. J. Miles' Mission,	-	-	48 00
“ Communion Alms,	-	-	214 11
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*Report of the Rev. Charles P. Elliott.*

I officiated this year 47 Sundays, and 3 week days, and omitted 5 Sundays. I officiated at Claremont Parish 16 Sundays ; at St. Mark's Clarendon 14 ; at Bradford Springs 8 ; at Sumterville 3 ; at Manchester 1 ; at Camden 1 ; at the Clarkson Settlement in Richland District 1 ; at Charleston 3. The whole number of miles I travelled to fulfil my engagements, are 986. At Claremont I baptised 2 adults ; 1 white and 1 colored ; and buried 1 white adult ; and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper 3 times. At Bradford Springs, I baptised 12 white children, and administered the sacrament once. At the Clarkson Settlement, I baptised 13 coloured children, and administered the sacrament once. Total number of baptisms, 27. Burial, 1. At Bradford Springs the prospects of our Church, are decidedly favourable. A congregation is already organized, consisting of about 50 persons, and a suitable building for public worship is erected, which has been in use for some time. There are some Episcopal families who reside a part of every year at that place, and who would be deprived of our Church

privileges if the mission is withdrawn. And in all human probability, if ministerial services are regularly continued at Bradford Springs, in the course of a few years a respectable Parish, equal to most of our country Parishes, will be permanently established at that place. The number of persons who attended public worship were often large.—And the people who reside in the neighbourhood are generally, favourably disposed towards our Church, many of whom, would probably unite themselves to it. The prospects of our Church at Sumterville are decidedly unfavourable, and therefore, I could not recommend the extension of a mission to that place, at this time.

The services I have rendered to the Church for the year 1844, are entirely gratuitous ; and the Bishop kindly offered to defray the expenses I had actually incurred, which were inconsiderable, and which I declined receiving.

*Prince Williams' Parish.*

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult ; 4 white children ; total, 5. Burials, 6. Communicants, 28 white ; 50 colored, total, 78. Non-communicants, 30. Children under fourteen, 50 white. Families, 26 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 3 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 colored. Sunday School Teachers, 8 white ; 4 colored, total, 12.—Scholars, 30 white ; 55 colored ; total, 85. Public worship, Sheldon Church, 25 Sundays ; Sheldon Chapel, 25 Sundays ; 20 other days ; total 70 ; whole number of times, 95.

REMARKS.—The services hitherto reported, have been persevered in, with the addition of a Bible Class for the females. A large Church is in progress of erection, for the accommodation of the people of color.

*St. David's Church, Cheraw.*

The Rev. Henry Elwell, Rector.

Baptisms—23 white children ; 1 white adult ; total, 24. Marriages, 5 white ; 3 colored ; total, 8. Burials, 3 white ; 2 colored ; total, 5.—Communicants, 30 white ; 3 colored ; total, 33. Non-communicants, about 40 white. Children under fourteen, about 50 white. Families, 25 white. Sunday School Teachers, 6 white. Scholars, 30 white.—Contributions to Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan Missions \$120. Communion Alms \$30.95.

REMARKS.—The Rector entered on the charge of this Church on the last Sunday in January 1844. Divine service has been held, with few interruptions, throughout the past year, three times a week during the winter and spring, and twice during the summer and autumn. Four services have also been held at Society Hill, during the absence of the Rector. An increasing attention to the services of the Church has been manifested for some months past by the members of other congregations ; a few of whom have taken seats in the Church. A lady, who is a communicant, has collected an interesting school of between twenty and thirty poor white children, to whom, she imparts religious instruction daily, and the Rector has been accustomed to visit it frequently, to

assist her in her work of charity. For some months there has been a colored Sunday School after evening service every Sunday; the number of Scholars has varied from twenty to forty.

*Christ Church Parish.*

The Rev. John R. Fell, Missionary.

Communicants—15 white; 7 colored; total, 22. Non-communicants, 54 white; 40 colored; total, 94. Children under fourteen, 9 white.—Families, 15 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 5 white. Public Worship, St. Andrews, 3 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 4.

REMARKS.—In explanation of the small amount of duty which appears to have been done, the Missionary would state, that he was not stationed in the Parish till the 15th December, and consequently, his report covers only the brief period of three weeks. The festival of Christmas falling within that time, was celebrated, which had not been done for many years previous. No children attended the Church, to give opportunity for the establishment of a Sunday School. On each Sabbath however, catechetical and other instruction was given promiscuously to the young and old colored persons assembled, the number being from about 30 to 40. It is proper also to mention, that though no Sunday School is in operation during the winter, there is one established at Mount Pleasant, the summer residence of the Parishoners, in the exercises of which, during the past summer, the Missionary (then officiating as a Lay-reader,) assisted its pious Superintendent Mr. John Hamlin. The School consisted of 15 white children, all of whom were generally in attendance.

*St. Thaddæus' Church, Aiken.*

The Rev. A. E. Ford, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 white children; 1 colored; total, 4. Burial, 1 white.

REMARKS.—The Rector having taken charge of the Parish very recently, cannot give the usual particulars of the Parochial Reports, applicable to the past year. The above, he finds entered on the Parish Register.

*St. Bartholomew's Parish.*

The Rev. J. H. Fowles, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults; 9 white children; 6 colored; total, 21. Marriage, 1 colored. Burials, 2 white; 4 colored; total, 6. Communicants, 66 white; 23 colored; total, 89. Non-communicants, about 80 white; colored unknown. Families belonging also to other Congregations, about 8. Confirmations, 1 white; 2 colored; total 3. Sunday School Teachers, 11. Scholars, 50 white; 70 colored; total, 120. Public worship, Edmundsbury Chapel, 21 Sundays; 3 other days; Walterboro' Chapel, 29 Sundays; 31 other days; total number of services in these places, 141. Besides which, there were several services held on plantations. A catechist also, has been employed very usefully in the Parish, among a limited portion of the colored people.



*St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*

The Rt. Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D., Rector.

The Rev. J. Barnwell Campbell, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 35 white children; 21 colored; total, 57. Marriages, 8 white; 5 colored; total, 13. Burials, 13 white; 12 colored; total, 25. Communicants, about 290 white; 140 colored; total, 430.—Non-communicants, 308 white; colored not known. Children under fourteen, 267 white; colored not known. Families, 210 white; colored not known. Families belonging also to other Congregations, none.—Children catechised 32 days, about 80 white; 30 colored; total, 110. Sunday School Teachers, 16 white; 14 colored; total, 30. Scholars, 64 white; about 150 colored; total, 214. Public worship, St. Philip's, 52 Sundays; 130 other days; whole number of times, 237.

REMARKS.—*Week-Day Services.*—They were, as heretofore, on all the “feasts and fasts” (with it is believed only two exceptions under peculiar circumstances) also on Fridays and Mondays—this last having been added to effect the arrangement of “daily morning prayer” in one of the Churches in or near Charleston.

*Holy Communion.*—It was on the five festivals, for which “proper prefaces” are provided, on the first Sunday of the month, and on two occasions of ordination, in all 17 times in the Church, and four times to sick members in private.

*Catechising by the Ministers.*—It was for the children “openly in the Church,” on the Sundays and Fridays in Advent, in Lent, and in six weeks, in the autumn, also in the Sunday School on every Sunday; and for a class of grown persons, on portions of the sacred Scriptures, twice a month in the Church for a portion of the year—the absence of the Rector on Church business preventing it for several months.

*Charity.*—The amount of Alms at the Holy Communion was \$760, 06½ cents; only one “Thankoffering” from a lady was received.

*The Contributions* from members of this flock, are reported by the many associations which they assist as, (to name some of them)—the “Sunday School” and Gregory; peculiar to our own flock—*that* for the relief of the “Widows and Orphan’s of our Clergy” *that* for the “aged and infirm Clergy:” the “Advancement”—the “Female Missionary”—the “Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society” and the “Gospel Messenger” which are connected with the Diocese—and “the Theological Seminary” “the Missionary Society,” and “the Sunday School Union” which are connected with our “ecclesiastical confederacy.”

In each month, collections were made at the doors of the Church; and by application, kindly undertaken by zealous lay members, to individuals for Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions, and special collections were made by request of the “Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,” on the 25 Sunday after Trinity (24th November,) and on the 3d Sunday in January—the whole amount received for these three classes of Missions was \$1059, 21¾ cents.

The white children in the Sunday School, are almost all members of the congregation. Many children of the poor who formerly attended, now attend at St. Stephen’s, or St. John’s Chapels. The children of



color in the Sunday School attend irregularly. The number who have attended during the year is much larger than here reported.

The quota for the support of the Episcopal office has been paid.

*St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.*

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—4 white children. Burial, 1. Communicants, 16 white. Non-communicants, 28 white. Children under fourteen, 37 white. Families, 20 white. Children catechised fourteen days, 16 white. Public worship, St. Paul's, Stono, 8 Sundays; St. Paul's, Summerville, 37 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 48.

REMARKS.—Service has been rendered during the year in other places by the Rector; and in one of the Churches, there are two services on a Sunday for a part of the year. So that the whole number of times that he has officiated, is more accurately 69.

*Parish of All-Saints', Waccamaw.*

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 35 colored; 5 white children; 132 colored; total, 173. Marriages, 12 colored. Burials, 4 white; 1 colored; total, 5. Communicants, 44 white; 147 colored; total, 191. Non-communicants, 34. Children under fourteen, 49. Families, 24. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 9 white. Children catechised on twenty days, 19 white; 331 colored; total, 350. Sunday School Scholars, 19 white. Public worship, Parish Church of All-Saints, 15 Sundays; 9 other days; Southern Parish Church, 15 Sundays, 8 other days; at the Summer Residence, 21 Sundays; whole number of times, 68. On plantations, with Congregations of Negroes, 156 times.

REMARKS.—The new Church, built upon the site of the old Parish Church, has been used for Divine service since the end of October. It is nearly completed, and we are looking forward to its consecration by the Bishop in the month of April. A suitable and fine toned organ has been presented to it by one of our Wardens.

The Communion Alms and other contributions amounted to \$384.03½.

*St. Paul's Church Radcliffeboro'.*

The Rev. Ch. Hanckel, D. D., Rector.

The Rev. Jas. S. Hanckel, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 20 white children; 8 colored; total, 28. Marriages, 9 white; 5 colored; total, 14. Burials, 9 white; 5 colored; total, 14. Communicants, 238 white; 60 colored; total, 298. Non-communicants, 317 white; 85 colored; total, 402. Children under fourteen, 278 white; 92 colored; total, 370. Families, 219 white; 45 colored; total, 264. Families belonging also to other Congregations, not ascertained. Children catechised twelve days, about 70 white; about 30 colored; total, 100. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white; 1 colored; total, 4. Sunday School Teachers, 17 white. Scholars, about 60; about 110 colored; total, 170. Public worship, St. Paul's, twice every Sunday; Wednesdays, Fasts and Festivals.

*St. Andrew's Parish.*

The Rev. J. Stuart Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white child; 13 colored; total, 14. Marriages, 1 white; 16 colored; total 17. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 24 white; 16 colored; total, 40. Non-communicants, 23 white; colored not ascertained. Children under fourteen, 39 white. Families, 20 white; colored not ascertained. Families belonging also to other Congregations, all.

REMARKS.—Service in the Parish Church every Lord's day from the 3d Sunday in November to the 2d in May—also on Christmas day and Good Friday. The colored people, instructed after service and on several estates in the Parish once a fortnight.

*Prince George, Winyaw.*

The Rev. Robert T. Howard, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 5 white children; 1 colored; total, 7.—Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 4 white; 1 colored; total, 5. Communicants, 44 white; 20 colored; total, 64. Non-communicants, 54 white. Children under fourteen, 36 white. Families, 32. Families belonging also to other Congregations, none. Children catechised almost every Sunday. Sunday School Teachers, 1 white. Scholars, 6.

REMARKS.—Our Parish has by removals, lost several of its oldest members. Owing to the circumstance, that the parents of most of the children reported, reside in the country, our Sunday School is but thinly attended. Our contributions to Missions have been regular, but I regret to state *small indeed*. That this grievous faulting in the discharge of a duty which should be a pleasure, has not its origin in any ministerial neglect, in bringing the subject faithfully before the people, the Rector feels confident.

*Mission at Wateree.*

The Rev. J. Huntington, M. D., Missionary.

As I do not know where I shall be in the fall, I will take this opportunity of reporting the services rendered this winter. I have baptised 10 adults; also 18 children, black. I have married 7 couple; celebrated the Holy Communion twice, and preached as often at the Church, besides some services of an anomalous character, chiefly catechetical, on Mr. J. Clarkson's plantation. There are upwards of an hundred communicants on the three plantations. In addition to these services by myself, the children, and many of the adult negroes on Mr. J. Clarkson's plantation, have been taught to chant all the canticles of the morning and evening prayer of the Church.

*St. Matthews' Parish.*

The Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white infants. Burials, 3 white children. Communicants, 15 white; 7 colored. Non-communicants, 27 white. Families, 12 white. Children under fourteen, 44 white. Sunday School Teach-

ers, 6. Scholars, 29. Children catechised every Sunday during the summer months; in public, 4 times. Public worship in the Churches, 49 Sundays; in other Parishes, 2 Sundays; on plantations, 7 times; on week-days, 15 times; whole number of times, 95.

REMARKS.—The prospects of this Parish are much better in every point of view, than they were at this period last year.

*Prince Frederick's Chapel, Pee Dee.*

The Rev. M. H. Lance, Officiating Minister.

My Report varies little from the last year's. Communicants, 7 white; 4 colored; total, 11. Children under fourteen, 17. Families, 11.—Number of persons, exclusive of occasional attendants, 40. Whilst travelling out of the Diocese last summer, I officiated when able, as there was occasion. And on my return, having, by divine goodness, been restored to comparative health, I gratefully resumed my labors, as far as practicable, in the above parish. And have also as requested, officiated in Georgetown.

*Parish of St. Paul's Carlowville, Dallas County, Alabama.*

The Rev. F. B. Lee, Missionary.

Baptisms—5 white children. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 1 white adult. Communicants, 14 white; 3 colored; total, 17. Non-communicants, 94 white. Children under fourteen, 34 white. Families, 22 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 1 white. Sunday School Teachers, 1 male; 5 females. Scholars, 27 white. Public Worship, St. Paul's, 46 Sundays; 2 other days; total, 48.

REMARKS.—There will be a small number of candidates for confirmation, by the time of the Bishop's purposed visit in April next.

My congregation, I am happy to say manifest an increased interest in the all important concern of their spiritual welfare; and I am encouraged to hope, that by the blessing of God, I may ere long see some fruit of my labor.

*Grace Church, Camden.*

The Rev. Francis P. Lee, Rector.

Baptisms—8 white children. Marriages, 1 white; 1 colored. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 41 white. Non-communicants, 46 white; 10 colored. Children under fourteen, 45 white. Families, 33 white. Children catechised every Sunday, 28 white. Sunday School Teachers, 5 white. Scholars, 28 white. Public Worship, Grace Church, 149 times; in neighboring places 6 times. Collections for Missions \$99.80; at the Communion, \$65.10; for aged and infirm Clergy, \$13.25; by the ladies for the Rectory, \$190.

*Protestant Episcopal Church, Edisto and Edingsville.*

The Rev. C. E. Leverett, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 23 colored; 5 white children; 16 colored; total, 45. Marriages, 2 white; 2 colored; total, 4. Burials, 3 white.



Communicants, 41 white; 80 colored; total, 121. Non-communicants, 65 white; 170 colored; total, 235. Children under fourteen, 66 white. Families, 28 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 6 white. Children catechised two days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 6 white; 21 colored; total, 27. Sunday School Teachers, 8 white.—Scholars, 25 white; 75 colored; total, 100. Public Worship, Episcopal Church, Edisto, 25 Sundays; 2 other days; total, 27. St. Stephen's, Edingsville, 46 Sundays; 19 other days; total 65. Whole number of times, 92.

REMARKS.—The condition of this small country Church, presents a more pleasing aspect, than it has in any previous year of its existence. There is an encouraging seriousness in some few of its members, which, we hope, will result in a decided stand for "*the truth as it is in Jesus.*"—There is also more readiness to acknowledge the cause of Missions; and although the contributions are not what they ought to be, when the ability is considered, yet but few families, now excuse themselves from this recognized Christian obligation. Those who do, can spiritually know nothing of that Scripture pledge, "*He that watereth, shall himself be watered.*"

The attention to the spiritual wants of the colored people, has on the part of many, greatly increased; and the Rector hopes that his congregation will secure the services of some faithful Episcopal Missionary, to aid him, in properly attending to this much neglected class of the helpless poor, at our very doors, dying for want of the bread of life. He has himself been signally successful in his labors, among them. The communicants are generally increasing; and including applicants soon to be admitted, the present number, is, some one hundred and twenty. From the owners of the majority of these, he continues to receive the testimony of their good and faithful service.

Of the white portion of the congregation, there is to be reported the loss of four from our communion, by removal; and the accession of only three to the same. The loss, also, of a large family from the same cause, is to be noticed, although the loss to us of these beloved and influential friends, will be great gain to a neighboring pastor's charge. It may not be irrelevant to mention, in this place, that two gentlemen of this Church, have recently resolved to consecrate themselves to the Lord's service, and have had their names recorded among the candidates for holy orders, of this year.

The amount contributed to Missions exceeds by a little, three hundred dollars. A new and large organ has been purchased. It is also in contemplation, to increase the present Rector's salary, five hundred dollars. This however, not at his, but at the suggestion of the congregation themselves.

In reviewing the past, and considering the great unanimity existing among us; and the prospect of increasing usefulness, deep gratitude is felt to be due to "*Him, who is Head over all things, to his Church, his body, the fullness of Him, that filleth all in all.*"



*Parish of St. Helena Island.*

The Rev. David McElheran, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white child. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 3 white.—Communicants, 26 white; 1 colored; total, 27. Non-communicants, 36 white. Children under fourteen, 23 white. Families, 21 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 2 white. Children catechised during summer. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white. Sunday School Teachers, 2 white. Scholars, 8 white; 20 to 50 colored. Public worship, Central Church, 52 Sundays; 3 other days; total, 55. St. Helenaville Church, 21 Sundays; 21 other days; total, 42. Whole number of times, 97.

REMARKS.—It is with sincere gratification, I report an increasing interest manifest among the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church on this Island, to adopt more effective measures, for the proper religious instruction of their negroes. Efforts are now making, which I have every reason to hope, will, with the Divine blessing, be crowned with success, to build a suitable place of Worship, and provide a Missionary for them. It is true, that there is a strong fanatical prejudice against our Church, to be overcome in the first place, ere any thing can be effectually done for the spiritual benefit of this class amongst us. But no difficulty presents itself in the matter, that a prayerful perseverance, accompanied with an humble reliance on divine aid, may not remove. Two communicants have been added to our Church on the Island, since last report. During the past year, the collections made in this Church, have been as follows: \$30 for missions within the Diocese; \$16.25 cents for the relief of aged and infirm Clergy; \$20 in answer to the appeal of the Western Bishops, making the total amount contributed, \$66.25 cents.

*St. John's Chapel, Hampstead.*

The Rev. Alex. W. Marshall, Missionary.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 colored; 11 white children; 11 colored children; total, 25. Marriages, 7 white; 8 colored; total, 15. Burials, 13 white; 11 colored; total, 24. Communicants, 26 white; 21 colored; total, 47. Non-communicants, uncertain. Children under fourteen, uncertain. Families, uncertain. Families belonging also to other Congregations, uncertain. Children catechised twelve days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Sunday School Teachers, 5 white. Scholars, 56 white; 27 colored; total, 83. Public Worship, St. John's Chapel, 52 Sundays; 65 other days; whole number of times, 171.

REMARKS.—The school for white and colored children, has been held on the morning of every Sunday, and that for colored adults and children in the evening. Three evenings of every week have been occupied in the instruction of some white and colored adults of the congregation. communicants added, 2; left city 2; transferred 2; died 2. The Lord's Supper has been administered on the 3d Sunday of every month, and the children of the congregation catechised on the 2d. The average attendance of the Sunday Scholars is thirty-five.

*St. James's, James Island.*

The Rev. Stiles Mellichamp, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults ; 4 white children ; 5 colored ; total, 11. Communicants, 17 white ; 17 colored ; total, 34. Non-communicants, 16 white ; 12 colored ; total, 28. Children under fourteen, 20 white. Families, 12 white. Children catechised six days, 12 white ; 12 colored ; total, 24. Sunday School Teachers, 4 white. Scholars, 12 white ; 12 colored ; total, 24. Public Worship, St. James's Church, 51 Sundays ; 2 other days ; total, 53.

REMARKS.—I have only to remark, that although the work of the Lord, progresses but slowly in the community among whom I labor—there having been the addition of but one white communicant, during the year ; yet I humbly trust God's people have been more and more built up in their most holy faith ; and more prepared for that change, beyond which, no change shall come.

*St. John's Church, Winnsboro'.*

The Rev. Josiah Obear, Missionary.

Baptisms.—4 colored adults ; 6 white children ; 3 colored ; total, 13. Burials, 5 white. Communicants, 17 white ; 3 colored ; total, 20. Non-communicants, 28 white ; 6 colored ; total, 34. Children under fourteen, 39 white ; 5 colored ; total, 44. Families, 13 white ; 3 colored ; total 16. Children catechised four days, 12 white. Public Worship, St. John's Church, 46 Sundays ; 6 other days ; Cedar Creek Chapel, 3 Sundays ; at the house of William Means, 1 Sunday. Whole number of times, 78.

REMARKS.—The number of communicants reported, all reside permanently in different parts of the District. Five families *not* included in the above report, resided here the last summer, among whom, were also six communicants. During the past summer, I was unable, in consequence of bad health, to officiate on three Sundays ; on two of which however, I was kindly assisted by the Rev. Mr. Shindler.

Through the kindness of the vestry of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro', a bell in their possession, was loaned to the Church in this place ; but as it was in an injured condition, our vestry have had it recast, at an expense of about one hundred dollars. It is already found to be quite useful. We are still in want however, of a baptismal Font and Organ.

*Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.*

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults ; 3 white children ; 33 colored ; total, 42. Communicants, 15 white ; 53 colored ; total, 68. Non-communicants, about 70 white ; colored unknown. Children under fourteen, 50 white ; colored unknown. Families, 32 white. Public Worship, St. Thomas, 14 Sundays ; 1 other day ; Pompion Hill Chapel, 13 Sundays ; 1 other day ; whole number of times, 29.

REMARKS.—This Report embraces the limited parochial term of spring and winter. Within that period of the past year, divine service has been held as usual on the Lord's day, both at the Church and Chapel. In addition to those services, the Rector has preached occasionally to the colored persons on three plantations. No alteration worthy of report, has occurred in the spiritual state of this Parish.

*Christ Church, Greenville.*

The Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult, 7 white children; 2 colored; total, 10. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 50 white.—Non-communicants, 42 white; 12 colored; total, 54. Children under fourteen, 50 white. Families, 32 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 4 white. Children catechised six days, 30 white. Sunday School Teachers, 22 white. Scholars, 45 white; 30 colored; total, 75. Public Worship, Christ Church, 37 Sundays; 15 other days; whole number of times, 56.

REMARKS.—The Rector was compelled to suspend the services from July until November, on account of the failure of his health. The Church was supplied with Lay reading during a portion of that time. The same cause has impelled him to abandon for a season, the active duties of the ministry, in the hope, that rest will restore the ability to preach the gospel of his Saviour. At the request of his congregation, he still remains nominally their Rector. The Rev. Henry Denison, is at present, supplying his place and discharging all the duties of his office. The Church offerings amount to \$98.90 cents; contributions to Diocesan Missions, \$70.68 cents.

*St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*

The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children; 2 colored adults; total, 4. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 2 white; 4 colored; total 6. Communicants, 34 white; 7 colored; total, 41. Non-communicants, 22 white; 45 colored; total, 67. Children under fourteen, 21 white, colored unknown. Families, 18 white; colored unknown. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 1 white. Children catechised, white, last Sunday in each month; colored, after evening service of each Lord's day. Sunday School Teachers, 4 male; 7 female. Scholars, 42 white; 60 colored, Public Worship, St. Paul's every Friday; from 15th April to 15th of November, also, twice on each Lord's day, during this time; after, but one service at 12 o'clock; Friday evening lecture for the colored, continued as heretofore.

REMARKS.—Since my last report, we have suffered by the loss of other families; embracing several lambs of the flock. This has arisen from deaths and removals from apparently a variety of causes. We trust by the influx of other Episcopal families, this loss, which is deeply felt and deplored, may yet be made up; and that more of the regular stationary families may be added to the Church.



*Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.*

The Rev. Edward Reed, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult ; 14 white children ; total, 15. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Communicants, 28 white ; 27 colored ; total, 55. Non-communicants, 57 white. Children under fourteen, 62 white. Families, 25 white. Belonging also to Congregations, 5. Children catechised every Sunday. Public Worship, Church of the Holy Trinity, 50 Sundays ; 13 other days ; whole number of times 128. Beside this I preached once at Walterboro' ; twice at McPhersonville ; and four times at Edgefield ; a Bible class is held weekly during the summer ; contributions have been made to the Domestic and Foreign Committees.

*Trinity Church, St. Augustine.*

The Rev. F. H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms—2 adults ; 22 children ; total, 24. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10. Families, 40. Communicants, 43. Sunday School Teachers, 7. Children, 42. Public Worship, Trinity Church, 131 times. The Holy Communion administered publicly 12 times.

I have likewise officiated at Jacksonville by request of the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, since July, 10 times ; administered Holy Communion, 5 times ; baptised 3 children, and solemnized 1 marriage.

*Mission at Newberry and Union.*

The Rev. R. S. Seely, Missionary.

Since my ordination which took place on the first Sunday in Advent ; I have held divine service four times ; and preached five times ; once at Landsford for the Rev. Mr. Shindler ; once at Chester C. H. ; once at Union C. H. ; once at Newberry, C. H. ; and I have preached once at Winnsborough, for the Rev. Mr. Obear. The number that attended at Union C. H., about fifty. The population of the Village, about four hundred ; of the District, from 18,000 to 19,000. The number that attended at Newberry C. H. about seventy-five. The population of the Village from seven hundred to eight hundred ; that of the District from 19,000 to 20,000. At Union I could find but one Episcopal family in the whole district ; in Newberry four.

I am not able to give at present, a full report of this mission, owing to the shortness of the time I have been here. But think it will afford a very important and interesting field for Missionary labor.

*Parish of Trinity Church, Columbia.*

The Rev. P. J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults ; 20 white children ; total, 22. Marriages, 3 colored. Burials, 8 white. Communicants, 87 white ; 7 colored ; total, 94. Non-communicants, 92 white ; colored uncertain. Children under fourteen, 74 white ; 8 colored ; total, 82. Families, 54 white ; 4 colored ; total, 58. Children catechised nine times. Confirmed by the Bishop, 8. Sunday School Teachers for the white and colored Schools, 10. Scholars, 35 white ; 40 colored ; total, 75. Public Worship, 49 Sundays ; on all the Festival and Fast days, and since July, on every



day in each week, except Saturday, with the exception too, of a few days, when prevented by absence, indisposition, or the inclemency of the weather.

REMARKS.—The number of families is made out, not as heretofore, but agreeably to the suggestions of the Bishop. (See Journal of 1843, page 44.)

The children in the Sunday Schools vary in number, in the course of the year. The number above stated, is about the number belonging to the Schools, respectively, although so many are not always in attendance. Of the communicants reported, six are new, two have removed into this, from other Parishes; three have left the Parish, having changed it for other places of residence, and two have died. Contributions have been made to the Bishop's Fund, to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, to the Bishop, for missions within the Diocese, and to the Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church.

As an additional means of diffusing religious knowledge in the Parish, of promoting the welfare of the Church, and of fitting the destitute of the neighborhood for usefulness on earth, and for an inheritance in heaven, a Parochial School was established in July last, for the education (secular, moral and religious,) of the children of such parents within our reach, as were too indigent to provide for the proper training of their families. The experiment was adopted in humble reliance on God for His blessing, and has been thus far, sufficiently successful, to encourage us to go on with a work, which we cannot but trust is pleasing to God, and will, through His favor, result in good to Society, to the Church and to the souls for whose best interests in Time and Eternity, it was undertaken and has been prosecuted. The exercises of the School are commenced every day by me in the Church, with the morning service.—Several of the pupils have been baptised, attend our Sunday School and public worship on Sundays, and unite interestingly and impressively, in the responsive parts of the service. The teaching they receive combines the elements of a plain English education, with instructions in the Bible and Prayer-book and Church Catechism.

*Immanuel Church, Landsford, Chester.*

The Rev. R. D. Shindler, Missionary in York and Chester.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 6 colored; 4 white children; 5 colored; total, 17. Communicants, 16 white; 9 colored; total 25. Non-communicants, 17 white; 2 colored; total, 19. Families, 15 white; 6 colored; total, 21. Children catechised once a month in public; in private, as opportunities offer. Confirmed by the Bishop, 13 white; 6 colored; total, 19. Places at which worship was held are as follows: Landsford School-house, 21 times; Richardson Meeting-house, 3 times; Republican Meeting-house, 24 times. Chesterville, in the Court-house, 5 times; Providence near Chester Court-house, 17 times. In York, at the School-house, in the bend of the river, 8 times. At other places, 19 times. Occasional services without Mission, 9 times. On 50 Sundays and 17 other days. In all 97 times; services for negroes, 43 times. Besides these services, the Mission is also indebted to the Rev. L. C. Johnson for several months' ministration.

*Trinity Church, Society Hill.*

The Rev. N. P. Tillinghast, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white children. Communicants, 14 white. Non-Communicants, 42 white. Children under fourteen, 17 white. Families, 10 white. Public worship, Trinity Church, 42 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 45.

REMARKS.—During last fall, the Rector was absent at the North for a few weeks. During this interval, his pulpit was supplied nearly every Sunday through the kindness of his clerical brethren, the Rev. Mr. Ellwell, of Cheraw, and the Rev. Mr. Lee, of Camden. Upon his return, he succeeded in forming a class of colored persons, upwards of 60 in number, who have ever since received regular catechetical instruction on Sunday afternoon. Their proficiency exceeds the Rector's anticipations, and is exceedingly gratifying.

*St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.*

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—19 white children; 11 colored; total, 30. Marriages, 8 white; 6 colored; total, 14. Burials, 22 white; 3 colored; total, 25.—Communicants, 291 white; 33 colored; total, 324. Non-communicants, 262 white; about 20 colored; total, 282. Children under fourteen, 207 white; about 30 colored; total, 237. Families, 169 white; 12 colored; total, 181. Families belonging also to other Congregations, about 17 white. Children catechised 24 days, about 100 white and 40 colored; total, 140. Sunday School Teachers, 19 white. Scholars, 116 white; about 50 colored; total, 166. Public worship, St. Michael's, 52 Sundays; 126 other days; whole number of times, 234.

REMARKS.—Sermons "on the obligations, duties, and privileges of the Lord's day," were preached "on the last Sunday of August," in compliance with the recommendation of the Convention.

The use of "Beaven's help to Catechising" has been of eminent service in imbuing the minds of the children with "the principles of the doctrine of Christ."

The week-day services are better attended; and the devotional spirit of the congregation seems to be increasing: though their pastors have to mourn over too much conformity to the customs of an evil world—especially during the seasons of the Church's mourning.

The contributions have been,

At the Communion, -	-	-	-	\$816
For Misssions, {	Church Offerings, -	-	-	739
	From individuals, -	-	-	273
	From Sunday School, -	-	-	80
For a Beneficiary at the Diocesan School, -	-	-	-	85
For aged and infirm Clergymen, -	-	-	-	57
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*St. Helena Church, Beaufort.*

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—2 colored adults; 15 white children; total, 17. Marriages, 5 white; 6 colored; total, 11. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 122 white; 52 colored; total, 174. Non-communicants, 72 white. Children under fourteen, 174 white. Families, 62 white. Children catechised, 62 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 6 white; 14 colored; total, 20. Sunday School Teachers, 8 white; 5 colored; total, 13. Scholars, 69 white; 100 colored; total, 169. Public Worship, St Helena Church, 52 Sundays; 142 other days; total, 246.

*Parish of St. John's Berkley.*

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Rector.

Baptisms—32 colored adults; 6 white children; 65 colored; total, 103. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Communicants, 41 white; 144 colored; total, 185. Non-Communicants, 67 white; colored, not known. Children under fourteen, 100 white; colored, not known. Families, 40 white; colored not known. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 19 white. Children catechised on plantations. Confirmed by the Bishop, 11 colored. Public Worship, St. John's Church, near Biggin, 12 Sundays; 1 other day; total, 13. St. John's Chapel, near Strawberry Ferry, 13 Sundays; 1 other day; total, 14. Cordesville, 2 Sundays; total, 4. Whiteville, 2 Sundays; total, 3. Elsewhere, 13 Sundays; 4 other days; total, 35. On ten plantations, 23 Sundays; 31 other days; total, 73. Whole number of times, 142.

REMARKS.—An absence of about four months will account for the small number of services performed within the Parish, and the considerable number elsewhere. The place of the Rector was kindly supplied a part of this time at Whiteville by the Rev. Mr. Dehon, to the great satisfaction of the Rector and congregation. Divine service was also held at the Chapel near Strawberry, on alternate Sundays in winter; and at Whiteville, during most of the summer, by a Lay-reader. The tabular statement does not include the instruction given to the negroes after morning service at the Chapel, nor the instruction given them, by a catechist on every alternate Sunday, nor evening service and similar instruction by the same person, three Sundays in four, during winter at one plantation, all under the direction of the Rector. The Chapel near Strawberry has been repaired and painted, and a Vestry-room has been erected within the year. Measures are also in progress for adding suitable decorations and furniture, and for erecting a gallery within the Chapel and an enclosure around the Church-yard. It is very desirable, that similar action should be taken in regard to our venerable Parish Church, which has a gallery indeed, for the negroes, but no enclosure to protect the resting place of the dead.

*Prince William's Parish, Mission to Colored People.*

The Rev. B. C. Webb, Missionary.

Baptisms—7 adults; 16 children; total, 23. Lord's Supper administered 8 times in public, and once in private. Marriages, 7. Burials, 2.



Communicants, expelled, 2; removed, 29; added, 4; present number, 111. Plantations, 8. Places of worship, 4. From June to October, held Divine service in Sheldon Church, every other Sunday; number of Sundays 49; other days not recorded; on 2 Sundays officiated in other places. Children catechised, about 130.

REMARKS.—The Mission has again suffered loss by the removal of its members, though all removed have not been carried out of the Parish; to remedy the evil occasioned by these changes, and to place the Mission on a more permanent basis, it is necessary that Churches be erected off the plantations, but in the vicinity of those adjacent; one Church so situated has been already erected, and before long I hope another will be.

*St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.*

The Rev. Arthur Wigfall, Rector.

Baptisms—4 colored adults; 4 white children; total, 8. Marriages, 3 white. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 41 white; 9 colored; total, 50. Non-communicants, 30 white; about 100 colored; total, 130.—Children under fourteen, 60 white. Families, 26 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 2. Sunday School Teachers, 4. Scholars, 23 white; 45 colored; total, 68. Public worship, St. Mark's, 48 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 99.

REMARKS.—During the past year, four communicants have left us; five have been added. A Bible class of seventeen members, meets on every Friday. The children are catechised publicly in Church, the second Sunday in every month; and privately, as often as I go "from house to house." During the year, the first class in the Sunday School, has memorized the entire thirty-nine Articles of our Church, with great benefit I am confident, to parents as well as children. The colored people are catechised every Sunday afternoon after service.

Mr. Jacob Welch, a Lay-catechist, commenced his work among the slaves in this Parish, the first of last December; and I speak advisedly when I say, that his labors thus far, have been attended with success, wholly incredible to those who have no experience in the oral instruction of slaves. It will not be out of place here, perhaps, briefly to state the manner in which we are supplied with this instructor for our servants; one half of his salary is paid by the Parish, the other by a Society for evangelizing the slaves in South-Carolina. This Society was organized by a few Laymen and Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese, in February 1844, on the following principles: Every member pays annually a specified quota of his *income*. The Standing Committee of the Society selects and recommends catechists, or missionaries to such Parishes, as *apply for aid*, but the person recommended is first to receive the sanction of the Bishop, and Minister in whose Parish he is to labor. "The harvest is great: but the laborers few." May many hear the voice of the Lord again crying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us."



*St. Luke's Parish.*

The Rev. A. Woodward, Rector.

Baptisms—5 white children ; 6 colored adults ; total, 11. Burials, 2 white adults. Communicants, 20 white ; 28 colored ; total, 48. Non-communicants, 50 white ; colored not known. Children under fourteen, 46 white ; colored not ascertained. Families, 25 white. Sunday School Teachers, 5 white. Scholars 12 white ; about 45 colored ; total, 57.—Public Worship, St. Luke's Church, 8 Sundays ; Zion Chapel, 16 Sundays ; Chapel of the Cross at Bluffton, morning service, 10 Sundays ; evening service, 8 Sundays ; whole number of times, including services rendered colored people, 68.

REMARKS.—In the early part of the year, the Rector was compelled to travel several weeks for the benefit of his health. During the summer, on every 2d and 4th Sunday, in the morning, there was a Sermon read in the Chapel at Bluffton, by a Lay-member. Since last report, six colored persons have been added to our list of communicants.

*St. John's Church, John's Island.*

The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Rector.

Baptisms—15 colored adults ; 3 white children ; 9 colored children ; total, 27. Burials, 2 white ; 1 colored ; total, 3. Communicants, 57 white ; 330 colored ; total, 387. Non-communicants, 50 white ; colored about 150 ; total, 200. Children under fourteen, 66 white ; colored not known. Families, 39 white ; colored not known. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 29 white. Sunday School Teachers, for colored 4. Scholars from 300 to 400. Public Worship, St. John's Church, 30 Sundays ; one other day ; whole number of times, 56.

REMARKS.—During the past year, there has been an addition to the Communion of fifteen colored persons. Two white and two colored communicants have died ; one white communicant has removed from the Parish. Two white communicants have withdrawn from the Communion ; two colored communicants have been expelled from the Communion.

The following sums have been *pledged* for charitable and religious purposes, by this Congregation, a *very small* portion of which remains unpaid. The amount *pledged* is reported, that the contributions of each year may be kept distinct.

For Foreign Missions generally,	-	- \$99 97
“ China Mission,	- - -	135 75
“ Mesopotamian Mission,	- - -	109 00
“ African Mission, by colored Communicants,	10	42 $\frac{3}{4}$
“ Domestic Missions generally	- - -	171 02 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ South Carolina Missions,	- - -	70 00
“ Education of a youth,	- - -	96 00
“ Building a Church in Indiana,	- - -	10 00
“ St. Stephen's Chapel School,	- - -	24 50
“ Garment and Fuel Societies of Charleston,	21	00
“ Communion Alms,	- - -	35 68 $\frac{3}{4}$
“ Bishop's Common Fund,	- - -	50 00
Total,		<u>\$833 35<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></u>

*Church at Rockville, Wadmalaw, Island.*

The Rev. Thomas J. Young, Officiating.

Service was held in this Church, from the first Sunday in June, to the last Sunday in July, inclusive, by the Officiating Minister, and during the remainder of the season, by a Lay-reader. The families of this Congregation, are all attached to other Congregations during the winter months. Three white persons have been confirmed by the Bishop.—Communion Alms, \$13.

## ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1844.

	<i>White.</i>	<i>Colored.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Baptisms—Adults, - - - - -	24	203	227
“ Children, - - - - -	342	462	804
Grand Total, - - - - -	366	665	1031
Marriages, - - - - -	80	75	150
Burials, - - - - -	162	57	219
Congregation—Communicants, - - -	2328	1636	3964
“ Non-communicants, - - -	2493	742	3235
“ Children under fourteen, - - -	2319	213	2532
“ Families, - - - - -	1715	130	1845
Families belonging also to other Congregations, - - -	164		164
Children Catechised, - - - - -	855	930	1785
Confirmed by the Bishop, - - - - -	44	60	104
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers, - - -	224	23	247
“ “ Scholars, - - -	1001	1454	2455

CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

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ARTICLE I.

*Of acceding to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.*

The Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

*Of Stated Meetings.*

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

*Of Members of Convention.*

SECTION 1.—The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

SECTION 2.—The Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, and the Minister, or Ministers of every Episcopal Church, in union with this Convention, shall always be *ex-officio*, a member, or members of this Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof; *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be entitled to *vote* in Convention, unless he have been actually, as well as canonically resident

within the Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station; *Provided*, also, that no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

SECTION 3.—Every other Clergyman of the Church, being a Missionary, officiating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, or a Chaplain in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote in matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches. The provisions of the second section of this Article shall also apply to the preceding part of this section. Every other Clergyman, being an instructor of youth in any seminary of learning, constituted by civil or Ecclesiastical authority, in this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or being prevented by age and infirmity from exercising his clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

SECTION 4.—Lay-Delegates, not exceeding four (4) in number, shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, in union with this Convention, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in Convention; the Delegates to be elected in such manner and time, as each Church shall deem proper, to serve for one stated Convention. They shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials, of their election. For special Conventions, special elections shall be held.

SECTION 5.—No Member shall hereafter represent two distinct Churches, or shall, in any case, have more than one vote.

SECTION 6.—A Lay-member, having taken his seat in the Convention as a Delegate from any Church, shall not, (without the unanimous consent of the Convention,) be permitted to relinquish his seat, and take a seat as the Delegate of another Church.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Of a Quorum.*

Ten (10) Members of the Clerical Order, and Lay-Representatives of ten (10) Churches, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business generally; but any member of either order that shall assemble, may adjourn, from day to day, until a quorum is formed.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Of the President.*

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* President of the Convention. But in case of his absence, or a vacancy in the Episcopate,



the President of the Standing Committee shall be the President of the Convention; and if he be not present, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending Presbyters.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Of the Secretary.*

A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex-officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed,) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention, attest its public acts, preserve its records, and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meeting of the Convention; and this notice shall be given at least six weeks before the meeting of such Convention. He shall also keep regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention, and shall faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers, relative and belonging to the Convention, which may be in his charge.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *Of the Standing Committee.*

SECTION 1.—A Standing Committee, consisting of five Presbyters of the Diocese, and five Laymen, taken indiscriminately from among the actual communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be elected by ballot at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed.

SECTION 2.—At their first meeting after their appointment, they shall choose one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President; and another of their body to be their Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all the proceedings and business of the Committee, to preserve them carefully recorded in a book provided for that purpose alone, to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they may require, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee, which may have been entrusted to him.

SECTION 3.—They shall present to each annual Convention an abstract of the minutes of their proceedings since the former Convention.

SECTION 4.—Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members, a majority of the whole Committee being necessary to constitute a choice.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Of Special Meetings.*

SECTION 1.—The Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention; and such meeting shall be held where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

SECTION 2.—No special meeting of the Convention shall be called for the election of a Bishop or Assistant-Bishop.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Of Voting in Convention.*

On all questions, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body; but any two Clergymen, of the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote,) and a majority of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

## ARTICLE X.

*Of the Election of a Bishop, or Assistant-Bishop.*

In the election of a Bishop, or Assistant Bishop, of this Diocese, a majority of each Order shall determine a choice: *Provided*, that two-thirds (2 3ds) of all the Clergy entitled to vote, and two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches entitled to representation, be present; otherwise, two-thirds (2-3ds) of the vote of each Order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

## ARTICLE XI.

*Of the Trial of a Clergyman.*

A Clergyman shall be subject to trial, for offences enumerated in the Canon of the General Convention "*of offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished*," and in the Canons of this Convention. The trial shall be conducted according to the mode provided for by the Canons of this Convention.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Of the admission of Churches, or Parishes into the Convention.*

Whenever a Church, or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, or he be absent, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church

Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And, at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese: *Provided, always*, that the Delegates of the Church, or Parish newly admitted, though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed a vote at the meeting of the Convention in which their Church, or Parish, is admitted. But no Lay vote shall be received from any Church, or Parish, which has for three (3) successive years neglected to elect a Vestry and Wardens, or pay its quota to the Convention, until admitted by a vote of the Convention.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### *Of Deputies to the General Convention.*

SECTION 1.—At every annual Convention, four Presbyters, and four Laymen, shall be chosen by ballot, to represent this Diocese in General Convention.

SECTION 2.—In case any Deputy, appointed as above, shall decline such appointment, or be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee; and the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute for any Deputy so declining, or unable to attend; *Provided*, that such substitute be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### *Of altering the Constitution.*

No one of these Articles shall be altered, or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted; unless such alteration, repeal, or new article, be proposed, considered, and concurred in, by a majority at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches present at a subsequent Convention.

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## CANONS.

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### CANON I.

#### *On making Collections for the Bishop's Common Fund.*

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in his Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution. Passed 1822. Amended 1816.

### CANON II.

#### *Providing for an accurate view of the State of the Church.*

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every annual Convention, deliver, or transmit to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages, in his Parish, or Church, during the year ending on the first of January preceding; specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held; the number of Families, (discriminating in each instance the number of Families belonging likewise to other Congregations,) Communicants, Adults, and Children under fourteen (14) years, attending, or belonging to the same; the number catechised by him, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and, if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church entered on the Journals, conformably to the seventh (7th) Canon of the General Convention of 1835. Passed 1825. Amended 1841.

### CANON III.

#### *Trial of a Clergyman.*

SECTION 1.—In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made, in the first place, to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese,



or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form :

*To A. B., Bishop of the Diocese of South-Carolina :*

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina, respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., of [here recite the charge, or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon, in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

SECTION 2.—But nothing, herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the thirty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

SECTION 3.—A presentment being made, the Bishop shall proceed, from among those entitled to a seat in the Convention, other than the members of the Standing Committee, to designate twelve (12) Presbyters, and cause a list of their names, and a copy of the presentment, to be furnished to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, if he be not found. Within thirty (30) days thereafter, the accused shall select five (5;) and in either case, the selected Presbyters shall constitute a Council for the trial of the accused.

SECTION 4.—The Council shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than three (3,) shall proceed to trial. The Council shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer, authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath, or affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the Standing Committee, or by the accused.

SECTION 5.—A written notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Council shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found,) at least thirty (30) days before such meet-

ing : and like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SECTION 6.—If the accused do not appear, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day ; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry ; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear, for that end, before the Council ; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SECTION 7.—Upon the application of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman, or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness ; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness ; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted, under seal, to the Council.

SECTION 8.—When the trial shall be gone through, the Council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty ; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence, and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop ; whereupon, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it ; in which case a new Council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

SECTION 9.—If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Council,) shall proceed to pass sentence ; and if, when put upon his trial before the Council, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SECTION 10.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

## CANON IV.

*Manner of proceeding against a Bishop.*

If a Bishop of this Church shall voluntarily commit any act, or acts violating the Constitution or Canons, presentment shall be made by the Convention, to two, or more Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Such Bishops shall have authority to institute a trial within the Diocese of the accused party ; and the sentence of the two Bishops, or of a majority of a greater number, being founded on the Canons of the Church, shall be final ; except the sentence of degradation ; in which case he shall be allowed the privilege of an appeal to the house of Bishops, *provided*, he gives notice of such appeal, within six months, to the Presiding Bishop.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

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I. The opening of the Convention shall always be preceded by the Morning Service of the Church, a Sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, or the Bishop be not present, by the President of the Standing Committee.—The business of every succeeding day shall be introduced with the Morning Service and a Sermon; and the business of every day shall be closed with the appropriate Collects pronounced by the President.

II. At the opening of each Annual Convention, when the President shall have taken the Chair, the Secretary shall first call over, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall then call over the Churches entitled to representation; when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.—Should the Committee have considered any testimonials unsatisfactory, these shall now be taken up, and the question of their sufficiency settled.

III. The further order of business for the first day of the session of the Convention shall be as follows:

1. The reading of the "Rules of Order."
2. The election of a Secretary, who shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.
3. The consideration of the application of Churches, or Parishes, for admission into the Convention.
4. The appointment, by the President, of Preachers for the first day of the next Annual Convention.
5. The appointment by the President, of three Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on unfinished business one (1) Clergyman and two (2) Laymen; the Committee on Finance, three (3) Laymen.
6. The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Church.
7. The appointment of that Committee.
8. The choosing of Deputies to the General Convention.
9. The appointment of special Committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.

IV. The daily order of proceedings, after the first day, shall be, on the President's taking the Chair.

1. The reading and approval of the Minutes.
2. Calling the names of members absent on the preceding day.
3. Calling upon each delegation to pay the assessment on their re-



spective Churches, or Parishes, for the Bishop's Common Fund, and for the expenses of the Convention.

4. Reports to be called for in the following order.

Committee on Finance.

Treasurer of Bishop's Permanent, Common and Convention Funds.

Committee on unfinished Business.

Conventional School Committee.

Trustees for aged and infirm Clergymen.

Committees appointed at the preceding Convention.

Special Committees.

5. Miscellaneous Business.

V. Before the rising of the Convention, the Minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read and approved.

VI. The Bishop's Address shall be at any time in order.

VII. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

VIII. The delegation of each Church shall occupy one pew.

IX. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.

X. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate, and avoiding personality.

XI. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

XII. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Convention.

XIII. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, except upon a motion to reconsider, which may be moved and seconded by any member who voted in the majority.

XIV. When the President is putting the question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.

XV. No motion shall be considered before the Convention, unless seconded, and reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it. A Minister, or Delegate, may not second a motion offered by a Minister, or Delegate, of the same Church with himself.

XVI. When a question is before the House, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. A motion to strike out the word "Resolved," shall have precedence to a motion to amend; and, if carried, shall be equivalent to a rejection of the reso-

lution. Subject to these exceptions, the question first moved, shall be first put.

XVII. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be decided without debate. A motion to adjourn may interrupt a speech, or any other business of the Convention.

XVIII. No leave of absence shall be indefinitely granted to any member, unless full and sufficient reason be given by him to the Convention.

XIX. When any report, motion, or proposition shall be offered, before any debate or order on the subject, the President *may*, at his pleasure, or upon the demand of any member, he *shall* put the question. "Will the Convention now receive this?" Which question shall be decided without debate. If it be decided in the negative, the matter shall stand as though not presented. If no such question be put, the matter, if in order, shall be received without question.

XX. All special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XXI. No member shall vote on any question, in the event of which he is immediately and personally interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

XXII. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President *shall*, or any member *may* call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance, without debate, by the President; but any member may appeal from such decision to the Convention, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Convention.

XXIII. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

XXIV. Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not belonging to the Diocese, and Candidates for Orders, shall be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

XXV. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two-thirds (2-3rds) of the members present.

XXVI. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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1. *Resolved*, That the following are the sums which each Parish, or Church, shall annually contribute to a fund, to be called "The Bishop's Common Fund:" to wit:

St. Michael's, - - -	\$300	St. Luke's, - - -	\$15
St. Philip's, - - -	300	Church of the Holy Trinity,	
St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', -	150	Grahamville, -	15
St. Peter's, - - -	100	Christ Church, Wilton, -	15
Prince George, Winyaw, -	50	St. Helena, St. Helena Island,	10
St. John's, Berkley, -	50	St. Mark's, Clarendon, -	10
St. John's, Colleton, - -	50	St. James', Goose Creek, -	10
Edisto Island, - - -	50	St. David's, Cheraw, -	10
All-Saints, Waccamaw, - -	50	St. Andrew's, - - -	10
St. Helena, Beaufort, -	35	Grace Church, Camden, -	10
St. Paul's, Pendleton, - -	30	Pineville and Upper St. John's,	10
Trinity Church, Columbia, -	30	Prince William's Parish, -	10
St. James, Santee, - - -	30	Grace Church, Sullivan's Island,	5
North Santee, - - -	30	Christ Church, - - -	5
St. Bartholomew's, - - -	25	St. James, James Island, -	5
St. Paul's, Stono, - - -	20	Trinity Church, Society Hill, -	5
St. Thomas and St. Dennis, -	20	Prince Frederick's, - - -	5
Claremont, - - -	20	Christ Church, Greenville, -	5
St. Matthews, - - -	20		

[*Passed* 1824. *Amended* at various times.

2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Common Fund, shall punctually pay over to the Bishop of the Diocese, the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars, annually, in quarterly payments, from said fund; to enable him to discharge his Episcopal duties.

[*Passed* 1835. *Amended* 1841.

3. *Resolved*, That whatever balance may remain, after paying the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Bishop, shall be paid over to the Bishop's Permanent Fund.

[*Passed* 1834. *Amended*.

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, in his annual Summons to the different Parishes, or Churches, to state the quota of such Parishes, or Churches, to the Bishop's Common Fund.

[*Passed* 1830.



*Resolved*, That the Parishes of St. Philip's, and St. Michael's, and St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro', and St. Peter's Church, Charleston, shall each contribute ten (10) dollars annually, and each Parish or Church in the country five (5) dollars annually, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention ; and, that the Secretary, in issuing his Summons to the Parishes, or Churches, shall inform them of this resolution ; and that, at each annual Convention, the Treasurer shall apply to the Delegates of each Church, for their respective contributions.

[*Passed* 1820. *Amended* 1829.

6. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, for the time being, to furnish the Ministers of the several Parishes, or Churches, with blank copies of the usual form for Reports ; and that they be, and they are hereby required, *henceforth*, to make their annual returns conformably to the same.

[*Passed* 1826.

7. *Whereas*, according to the consecration service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, "devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all *unhallowed, worldly, and common* uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service;" and, whereas, the delivering of orations, and holding elections, on secular or political subjects and occasions, and the usual worldly accompaniments and circumstances, are thought inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of this declaration of the consecration service, and have been found to give pain to many members of our Communion, and generally to be of injurious tendency ; therefore, be it

*Resolved by this Convention*, That it be recommended to the Vestries of all Churches in this Diocese, to discourage, and, if possible, interdict the use of the Churches under their care, for all *unhallowed, worldly, and common* purposes.

[*Passed* 1828.

8. *Resolved*, That the custom of returning thanks for Sermons preached before this body, is inexpedient and unnecessary, and shall not, in future, be observed.

[*Passed* 1829.

9. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay, annually, to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the quota of this Diocese, towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

[*Passed* 1832.

10. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the several Clergymen, having a Parochial charge, to give notice to their respective Congregations, on the Sunday preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, that divine service may be expected every day during the sitting of the Convention.

[*Passed* 1838. *Amended*.



11. *Resolved*, That the fund to be raised in conformity with a resolution for adopting measures to increase the Bishop's Permanent Fund, shall be called the "Convention's Fund, raised for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund;" shall be entrusted to the charge of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds; and shall not be used, either principal or interest, except for the purpose of investment until the income shall be adequate, together with the income of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, to the support of the Episcopate, independent of a Parochial charge. *[Passed 1836, and amended.]*

12. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Parishes of the Diocese to defray the expenses of their respective Pastors, incurred by their attendance on the Diocesan Convention. *[Passed 1838.]*

13. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the members of our Church, who are proprietors of slaves, individually and collectively, to take measures for the *support* of Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists, who are members of our Church, for the religious instruction of their slaves. *[Passed 1838.]*

14. *Resolved*, That it be urged upon the Rectors and Vestries of the country Parishes, to exert themselves to obtain the services of such Clerical Missionaries and Lay-Catechists. *[Passed 1838.]*

15. *Resolved*, That every Missionary and Catechist be approved of by the Bishop. *[Passed 1838.]*

16. *Resolved*, That the Clergy be required, on some suitable occasion previously to the meeting of the Convention in each year, to call the attention of their respective Congregations, to the importance of the punctual attendance of Delegates at such Convention. *[Passed 1838.]*

17. *Resolved*, That no person, who is a Candidate for Orders, shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention, as a Lay Delegate from any Parish or Church. *[Passed 1839.]*

18. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the several Churches in this Diocese, that in the appointment of Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, they should select persons who are regular communicants of the Church. *[Passed 1841.]*

19. *Resolved*, That the Rector or officiating Minister, or in case of there being no Minister, the Chairman of the Vestry in the different Parishes be requested, at as early a date as possible after each annual election of Vestry and Wardens of their Church, to forward a list of their names to the President of the Standing Committee, and also a list to the Secretary of the Convention, that they may be kept on file. *[Passed 1842.]*

20. *Resolved unanimously*, That whereas, the practice of both public and private travelling on the Lord's Day, is deemed to be a prevalent evil

of the times ; and whereas, the 41st Canon of our Church, "Of the due celebration of Sundays," prescribes that "All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation."

*Resolved*, That the attention of the members of our Church in this Diocese be solicited to the above Canon. [Passed 1842.]

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The next meeting of the Convention will be held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, the second Thursday of February 1846, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

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